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# County approves purchase of two Sheriff's cruisers

by Cheryll Ruley Staff Writer

St. Patrick's Day proved lucky for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office as the County Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of two new police cruisers to beef up the department's aging fleet.

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield has been keeping the Commissioners informed of the mounting miles on the fleet. Once a car reaches 100,000 miles, it can no longer be used for high speed pursuits according to the deputies' union contract.

"Our work depends a lot on reliable and safe transportation," said Wakefield. "We have to cover nearly 600 square miles in this county and an aging fleet makes the job even tougher."

The County Board authorized \$40,812 to be taken from the

general fund for the purchase of two 2004 Ford Crown Victoria model police cruisers, black in color. An additional \$4,554 was authorized for the expense of removing lights, radio and other equipment from two old cars to equip the new cars.

Wakefield said he put a lot of hard work into locating the best deal on the best cars and expects to have the new vehicles on the road within a few weeks.

"Without these new cars, my guys would be sitting in the office instead of out on the roads which would lead to lay-offs," Wakefield said. "We need them out on the road to keep law enforcement at its current level."

He added, "This move by the Commissioners has restored my faith that the County Board hasn't put law enforcement on the back burner."

# Judge Hunter postpones juvenile's swan shooting trial

by Cheryll Ruley Staff Writer

The Crawford County Avalanche has learned 87th District and Family Court Judge John G. Hunter has postponed the trial of a juvenile accused of playing a role in the shooting of two trumpeter swans last October.

The juvenile's trial was originally set to begin March 17.

Last month, Matthew Harwood, of Grayling, was

found not guilty by a jury in connection with the same incident.

Following two phone calls to the court for information in the case, the court has not provided a reason for the postponement and a new trial date has not been set.

Grayling attorney Monte Burmeister has been providing legal defense for the two accused teens. He stated he is unwilling to comment on the litigation or the postponement due to its pending status.

# Turning sap to sweet syrup



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

This young man was working quite diligently to keep the fire stoked under the maple syrup pan at Hartwick Pines State Park last Saturday, Maple Syrup Day. A beautiful spring-like day brought a steady flow of visitors to the park for maple tree tapping and to witness sap being cooked into sweet syrup.

# Is the first robin sighted really the 'first robin'?

by Cheryll Ruley Staff Writer

The Crawford County Avalanche staff has already received a few notifications this year regarding the sighting of the first robin to return to Grayling. One call was received as early as mid-January; the most recent on March 11 by Erin Prosser on Riverview Road.

It has become a sort of competition over the years to be named the first person to report a robin in the county, but is each sighting really a sign of active or early migration to the north?

A search of the Internet found some interesting information.

The American Robin – or scientifically, the turdus migratorius – is said to be a short distance migratory bird. According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the robin lives on a diet of mostly fruit, as well as some insects and worms, so it will travel only as far as it takes to satisfy its dietary needs. If provided with adequate housing and proper diet, a small number of robins may brave the winter each year in northern Michigan – never leaving for warmer climes.

The USGS breeding bird survey shows the American Robin lives, for the most part, in the upper Midwest during breeding

and while raising their young. But by mid-December, when the Christmas bird survey is taken, most of the robins have indeed flown south to areas in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama to enjoy the warmer weather and the more available

fruit and insects.

So, as much as we appreciate our readers' news tips and would like to confirm that any one person saw the "first robin" to make its way back to Grayling, we just really can't be sure.

Nonetheless, after this very

long winter, we are all anxiously awaiting the onset of warmer, weather, sunshiny days and green all around.

Think Spring... it was sched-

Think Spring... it was scheduled to begin at 1:49 a.m. March 20 and the weather forecasters report warmer weather is on its way. By the way, one of our staff members saw not one, but two robins right outside our backdoor on March 22. Hopefully, that is a good sign.

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# Careful reading yields good results



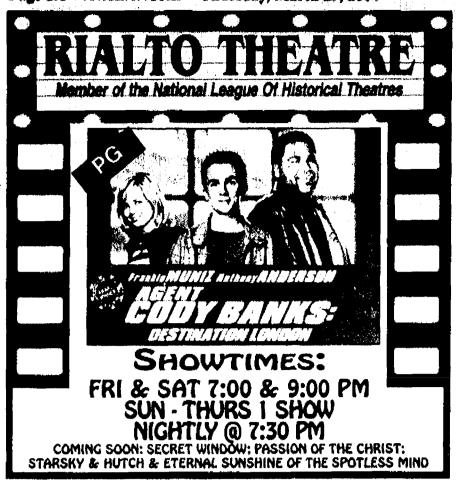
Photo by Susan Warrington

Adam Brill and Trent Hickman are intently reading the directions for making trail mix. It was one of eight activities for young readers at the Family Reading Night held at Grayling Elementary/AuSable Primary cafeteria on March 18. Over 50 families attended the event where children, from pre-school through fifth grade, had a chance to use and improve their reading skills.

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# Library to host six-week series on WWII

#### Discussions, films designed to help preserve War Years history

Next month, the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County will begin co-hosting a film series featuring the historical aspects of World War II.

"From Rosie to Roosevelt: A Film History of Americans in World War II" is a series of exciting, historical documentaries designed to engage the public in discussions regarding the war years. This six-week series will offer a unique occasion of bringing diverse groups of all ages together at the library to explore history in greater depth.

With mass media publicity around the 60th anniversary of the war fast approaching, this local viewing and discussion series will provide several unique opportunities to move easily from nostalgic reminiscence toward a more serious investigation of the meaning and impact of war. The public is highly encouraged to join in these discussions.

Humanities scholar, Rex Franklin of Lewiston, will create questions and lead the post-film sessions. His extensive experience at facilitating workshops and seminars will enable him to integrate the topics presented in the films with real-life experiences of those attending.

Suggested reading and study lists will also be provided by the Crawford County Library system, which owns over 150 WWII book and film titles.

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readings and discussions on one theme at a time will take place at the Devereaux Library (201 Plum Street in Grayling) beginning Monday, April 12.: Combat veterans and others who participated on the home front during and prior to WWII have been invited to join the discussions and share their stories with the audience.

The public is invited to come and listen to the first-hand experiences of a B-17 bomber pilot, a bombardier, a real "Rosie the Riveter," and electrician's mate who was on board the ship to which the Japanese surrendered, and infantrymen who saw service from Germany to France, most of it in a foxhole.

Attendees may also expect to hear from Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp employees, a veteran who was with the occupation forces of Japan, and a person who grew up in Europe during the Nazi Holocaust.

Organizers of the film and discussion series are still searching for people who were involved in the civil defense of the United States, such as hospital or Red Cross workers. Also, people who have knowledge of the Japanese internment camps on the west coast as well as soldiers of color would help tell the whole story.

For those who wish to share their experiences, these are not public speaking engagements, but short informational sessions where a volunteer would share a few minutes of their time regarding various subjects as listed in NEH-funded project to focus on

the program schedule.

Passing on stories and information to those who are not familiar with the World War II years is vital to maintaining our historical integrity for future generations. Call 348-5132 for information regarding which session would be most appropriate for a particular experience.

The library will co-host this free series with the help of volunteers from Friends of the Crawford County Library. Refreshments will be provided between the film and the discussion portions each week.

Program schedule:

 April 12, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. "The Home Front";

• April 19, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. "Life & Times of Rosie the Riveter":

• April 26, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. "The Color of Honor Japanese Internment";

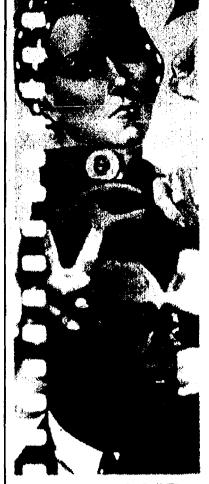
• May 3, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. "Men of the U.S.S Mason -Soldiers of Color";

• May 10, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 "America and the Holocaust"; and

• May 17, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. "D-Day."

"From Rosie to Roosevelt..." is organized by National Video Resources in partnership with the American Library Association, and funded in large part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), with support from the John D. and Catherine T.

MacArthur Foundation. This film series is the first



#### FROM ROSIE TO ROOSEVELT

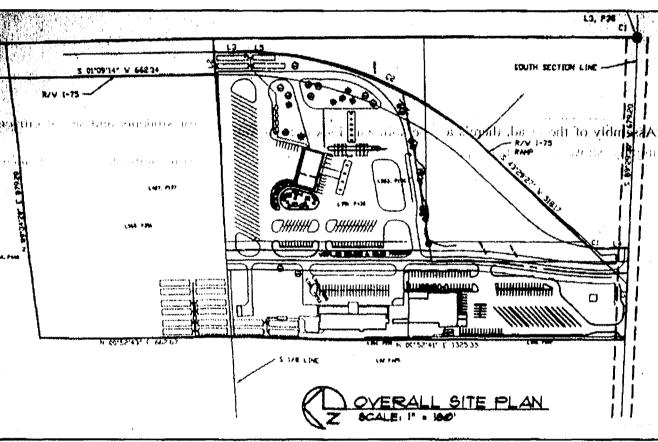
A Film History of Americans in World War II

documentary films as the main text for these professional discussion programs.

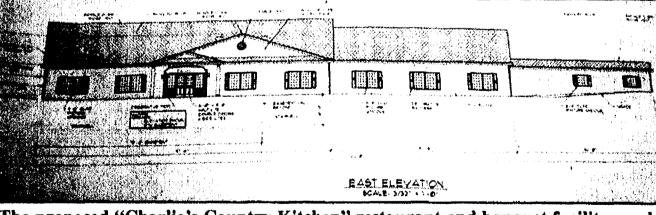
The series is also sponsored by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and the Grayling Rotary Club.

For more information, call the library at (989) 348-9214.

# Country Corner ready to grow



The Grayling Township Planning Commission and the public will get their first look on March 30 at the latest proposed project by local businessman Charlie Fick. (Above) This site plan shows the existing layout of Charlie's Country Corner at Four Mile Road and I-75, with the top of the map the eastern border of the site. In the lower right corner (southwest) are the proposed restaurant and additional parking, on the southern end of the Super 8 Motel.



The proposed "Charlie's Country Kitchen" restaurant and banquet facility would measure 16,667 square feet on the main floor and 6,764 on the lower level.

#### by Cheryll Ruley Staff Writer

Local businessman and developer, Charlie Fick, will bring his latest project to the Grayling Township Planning Commission for approval on March 30.

Fick has plans to expand his existing business development, Charlie's Country Corner at Four Mile and I-75, to include a more than 23,000 square foot restaurant and banquet facility.

available for review at the township office.

the complex Currently, includes the Super 8 Motel, Arby's Restaurant, a truck stop style convenience store and accommodations, as well as sev-

Fick is also pursuing a liquor license through the State of Michigan for the restaurant/banquet facility.

eral fuel pumps.

The project will be presented Application and site plan are at a meeting of the Planning

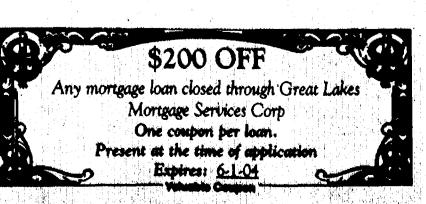
Commission on Tuesday, March 30 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall.

Public comment may be made in person that evening or in written form prior to the meeting to Grayling Township Supervisor/ Zoning Administrator Terry Wright, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738.

Letter writers must be sure to include their signature on the written comment to be consid-

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# Take a journey to the real Morocco

The Grayling Promotional Association's (GPA) Community Cultural Events Program's Travel and Adventure Series will present "Casablanca - Travels in Morocco," a travelogue hosted by Hal McClure, on Thursday, April 1. This is the fourth travelogue in the 2003-2004 series.

Morocco, for many, will always be associated with some of Hollywood's most memorable pictures featuring North African country: "Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, "On the Road to Morocco," with Bob Hope and Bing Crosby, and the Marx Brothers' "Night in Casablanca."

"That Morocco, Casablanca - Hollywood's stuff of dreams - don't exist and never did. These Morocco pictures were all shot in California," said Hal McClure, producer of the new digital travel adventure, "Casablanca - Travels in Morocco,"

"Bogie's not forgotten, however, there's a hotel bar in Casablanca that is filled with photos, posters and memorabilia of the picture and its stars."

Morocco occupies its own niche in the Arab world as well as Africa and the international community, McClure said. While it's the closest Muslim country to Europe, it's also the farthest Arab country from the Middle East. Its Arabic name: Maghreb el Akasa, Land of the Far West.

"Morocco is a fascinating place to visit, with long sandy beaches and exotic cities, tall peaks of the High Atlas Mountains, beautiful gardens and the Sahara sands in the south. It's often compared with California in geography and climate. And the people are most hospitable," McClure continued.

In Marrakech's giant square called the Jamaa al-Fna, the Assembly of the Dead, there's a nightly show of acrobats, jug-



One of Morocco's most prized monuments is the 16th century Portuguese Cistern, found in El-Jadida on the Atlantic Coast. See this monument in Hal McClure's "Casablanca - Travels in Morocco" next Thursday at the Rialto Theatre.

charmers and a myriad of others who help make this one of the world's great visual spectacles, he said.

Other highlights of the film include walks through the souks of Fez and Meknes, visits to the southern deserts, the royal capital of Rabat, Casablanca, the country's largest city; and the Mediterranean port of Tangier, once the home of spies, smugglers and pirates.

McClure was a U.S. Air Force pilot, newspaperman, editor and foreign correspondent before entering the travel film production. He is a member of the Travel Adventure Cinema Hall of Fame and editor of Travel Adventure Cinema Magazine.

The Travel and Adventure series is made possible by a partnership with Fick & Sons, Inc.

"Casablanca - Travels in glers, dancers, musicians, snake Morocco" will be presented



Moroccan tribal women are some of the most colorfully garbed in the country, favoring a wardrobe mixed with vibrant hues. Their story can be seen in next week's travelogue presentation.

Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Flowers by Josie in Grayling. the Rialto Theatre, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens, and are available by calling 348-7146, at the door or in advance at

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the presentation of "Casablanca - Travels in Morocco" begins at 7:30 p.m. weed to come process and an

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# U.S. Forest Service analyzing revised gas drilling proposal

The U.S. Forest Service has received the revised application to drill an exploratory well for natural gas in the Huron National Forest in Crawford County, adjacent to the State of Michigan's George Mason Retreat Area.

The new application from Savoy Energy of Traverse City contains a number of significant changes to the proposed project since the original submission in May of 2003.

The proposed location for both the well and the production facility have been moved based on studies of the area by Michigan's Department of Environmental

Quality (DEQ) and Natural Resources, Savoy Energy, the Bureau of Land U.S. Management, and the Forest

The proposed well is no longer along the road to the Mason Chapel. The proposed production facilities have been moved approximately two miles to the east. The DEQ issued a permit for these new locations in November 2003. Any operations conducted under this proposal will be done in compliance with DEQ's drilling permit condi-

The Forest Service received 826-3252, ext. 313.

hundreds of responses concerning this proposal. A team analyzed the content of these responses and summarized the issues. Issues are an important part of the environmental analysis. When completed, the environmental document will be mailed and the public can then again comment. The goal is to mail this environmental analysis in July 2004. Public comment will be accepted on the environmental analysis at that time.

For more information on this proposed project, contact the Mio Ranger District at (989)

who would like to be a part of

this event is asked to attend the

March 30 meeting at the Grayling Nursing Centre at 5:30

p.m. All team captains are asked

to bring their team's application

For more information call

Relay Chairperson Marilyn

to the meeting.

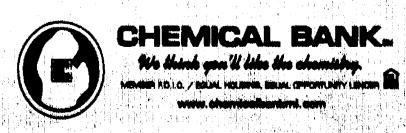
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# Relay gearing up for June walkathon

Crawford County American Cancer Society Relay for Life kick off was held on March 10 at the Holiday Inn.

The relay will be held at the Grayling High School track on June 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The relay, which raises funds for research into finding a cure for cancer, allows a community to grieve for those lost to cancer and to celebrate the lives of the survivors.

This year the relay committee is asking everyone in this area to be a part of the event either through donations or participating in the relay, or both.

The theme for this year is "Fishing for a Cure." Teams are asked to decorate a campsite for this 24-hour event with this theme. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative team.

Activities are held throughout the night to keep everyone going. The most import event is the Luminaries service which is held about 9:30 p.m. The luminaries are placed around the track and lit. A special memorial service is held honoring those who have lost the battle of cancer and celebrating those who have survived.

Heard at the Grayling Nursing Centre, 348-2801.

Anyone with special talents

# Care expo being finalized

by Susan Warrington Staff Writer

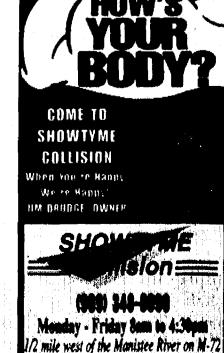
Community Adult Resource Expo which lets all Crawford County residents visit with representatives of the many services available to them will be held June 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

The Crawford Adult Resource Exchange which organizes the

expo plans to have 30 booths and eight speakers available that day. Although the keynote speaker has been set, there is room for speakers and for a few more organizations to reserve a booth.

The group is also looking for volunteers to help during the

To volunteer or reserve a booth contact Diane Frankowski at 344-5116.



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# PINIONS



#### ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# In Florida, legislators come and go

SPRING IS UPON us, as I write these thoughts from a visit to Florida, and the Florida legislature is about halfway through its annual session.

In fact, the lawmakers have only been meeting since March 2, and by law they must adjourn by April 30.

Florida is one of the majority of states with a part time legislature.

Somehow, part timers seem to manage state affairs easily during that 60-day span, at least in most years. Last year, however, Florida had four separate special sessions, with a limited time and specific subjects, mostly tied to budget problems. However, that was very rinky-dink state with no problems. It's

by reading the newspapers, I find it a bit confusing. About a week after the ses-

sion began on March 2, bills not only had been introduced but were coming out of committee already for floor action. And that's not just a bill or two, but dozens of them. As a long-time follower of the Michigan lawmaking process, I'm not accustomed to such Here in Florida, it's 60 days and out. speed. In Lansing, it's usually several months before serious work such as getting bills to the floor is accomplished.

> Florida legislators also are term limited as well as part time. They are paid about half of what Michigan legislators receive.

IT'S NOT THAT Florida is some larger in population than Michigan, and Following the work of the legislature is divided along geographic, social and economic lines just as severely as is Michigan -- with the added problems of absorbing in Miami and South Florida huge numbers of immigrants, both legal and illegal.

Major questions facing the Florida legislature this session include not only how to balance the budget and where to cut it, but whether to cut some taxes and raise others, financing schools and colleges, high speed mass transit, health care coverage, abortion questions, jobs creation, and on and on. It almost makes you think you're back home.

Michigan, of course, embraces a full time legislature, with pay levels beginning at \$80,000 a year for ordinary lawmakers and spreading upward for leadership roles, plus several office buildings and huge support staffs, both professional and political.

Is Michigan better served by its full time legislature than are the many part

time legislature states?

Does Michigan's assumed professionalism of the process make for better gov-

It certainly is not apparent.

UNTIL 40 YEARS or so ago, Michigan, too, operated with a part time legislature and limited sessions, with part time pay for the lawmakers. The idea of full time lawmaking just sort of grew by itself into today's legislative bureaucracy.

Maybe Michigan should consider seriously going back to a part time legislature. By making the system simpler, it might make it more efficient and effective.

The only way to accomplish such a change would be by amending the state constitution, and no sitting legislature

will ever approve the idea.

Few if any legislators, either present or past, will embrace the part time legislature, just as few if any think term limits is a good idea -- now that they are in office.

The only route to change the constitution would be by a petition drive to get the question of a part time legislature on the ballot. Petition drives these days need about 350,000 minimum signa-

Someday, someone or some group will take up the challenge. From my sense of the public's mind, I think the people are ready for it.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

#### TAX RETURN INFORMATION

# E-filing, direct deposit helps get refund faster

receive a refund when you file IRS. your federal tax return? The IRS says that requesting direct deposit and filing your tax return electronically (e-filing) will put that money in your pocket faster and easier.

Every year, more taxpayers find out how safe and easy it is to have their tax refund deposited directly into their checking or savings account. This option is available for both e-filers and paper return filers.

When you file electronically, your refund will be issued within three weeks, about half the time it would take if you filed a paper return. If you also choose direct deposit, you might receive your refund in as few as 10 days.

In 2003, more than 52 million taxpayers electronically filed their tax return. People who efile find it the fastest and easiest way to do their taxes.

The electronic filing program checks for errors or missing information, increasing the accuracy of your return and reducing the need for correspondence with the IRS to clarify errors or omissions. Once your return is

Are you one of the almost 100 accepted for processing, you will check to get lost. And, it's more million taxpayers who will receive a confirmation from the convenient - no special trip to the

> state tax return at the same time you electronically file your fedoral tax return.

Finally, with electronic filing, you can file your return early but: wait to pay any balance due by the tax deadline of April 15,

You might want to reduce the size your refund and put more money in your paycheck throughout the year. You and your employer can refigure your federal income tax withholding, allowing the correct amount to be deducted.

For information on e-filing, check the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov. You will also find a withholding calculator and worksheet, along with Form W-4, on the Web site. Or you may get Form W-4 from your employer or by calling the IRS toll free at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

The IRS says that more taxpayers are choosing direct deposit as the way to get their federal tax refunds. The payment is more secure - there is no

bank to deposit a check. To And you can usually file a request direct deposit, follow the instructions for "Refund" on your tax return.

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For more information about direct deposit of your tax refund, check the instructions for your tax form. This and other helpful tips are available in IRS Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax." To get a copy, visit the "Forms and Publications" section of the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov, or call toll free 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

# **EDITOR**

# COA Board, new director, staff need same goals

To the editor,

In an era when the elderly are living longer and women are outliving men, I suspect the majority of people served through the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) are women.

Knowing this, why is the COA's Board of Directors composition primarily men (if not all men)? Maybe I'm out in left field, but I was under the impression most agencies (profit and not-for-profit) are in business to "better" serve their customers and provide "ultimate" customer satisfaction. Using the COA as an example, wouldn't the elderly of our community be their cus-

Had the Board taken the time to listen to the concerns raised by the residents of the COA (their customers), maybe the Director would still be on board.

This week's Crawford County Avalanche (March 11, 2004) has an article about the "sea of 147 applications" the COA Board must wade through. Nowhere in this article does the criteria for applicant selection refer to having knowledge with administration and management, personnel and human resources, economics and accounting, coordination, judgement and decision-making or critical thinking (just to name a few qualifications).

As an adult child who is caring for an aged parent, when it comes to enlisting in the services. of our community, I am more concerned with an employee's skills, abilities and knowledge to perform the duties of their position. In today's labor market, screening someone out because they have had a different job every two years does not make a potential employee less qualified than another potential employee.

According to Jim Schaffer, cited from www.presidentscouncil.com, "today's college graduate will hold 11 different jobs over the course of his or her career. The condition once frowned upon as 'job hopping' has been condoned by society as normal movement on a career track."

If an employer can provide a work environment that is satisfying and rewarding, a careerminded individual will stay with the "cause" it works for. The changing of jobs every two years can add expertise to a potential candidates ability to perform the duties of Director.

If the COA Board, the new Director and the existing COA staff do not have the same goals and find a common ground for the elderly in this community, the COA will be faced with the same problems it was experiencing before the previous Director

"Ultimately, those who will get hurt in the end are the residents of Crawford County. Please make your selection for the new Director with these concerns in mind, especially the concerns of aging population.

> Janet L. Bean Grayling

Editor's note: An article detailing the criteria the COA board set for the new director was published on Page 2A in the January 22 edition of the Avalanche entitled "COA approves new job description." Copies of the January 22 issue are still available.

Also, 3-column by 6-inch ads for the position of COA director listing the criteria were published weekly in the Avalanche from January 29 through February 26. (The closing date for applying for the position was March 5.)

The article referred to by Ms. Bean was to inform the public of how the board would begin the process of finding the best candidate. After those who did not meet the criteria were removed from the "sea" of applicants, the board could begin the serious work of selecting a new director.

#### **Letters to the Editor**

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer, and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Crawford County Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500

Every letter must be signed and an

address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows. Deadline for submission of letters to

the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following

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News items and lettyped, and double- Thursday at 5 p.m.

spaced. space between each line;

**Briefs** on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in Photographs must be advance or they will not be published.

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The deadline for all Handwritten items display ads smaller than must also have ample a half page is Friday at 5

# We are not 'dumb Americans'

Our economy depends on mobility. People who stay at home don't spend money and that hurts the economy. It seems to be an American right to own and drive a vehicle, wherever and whenever one chooses.

Driving is a necessary activity, especially for those whose job's demand it. They are the ones who are really feeling the effects of high gasoline prices. Retirees can easily stay at home most of

But Americans can't stand much boredom staying at home. There are some who drive someplace every day when they really don't need to. Pleasure driving

should be cut back.

Now that the price of gasoline is at it's historical high, we all need to stop and reflect on how vital and important a commodity it is before we turn the key to start the vehicle.

Gasoline is in great demand all over the world. It is no different than any other commodity. Supply and demand will set the price. Therefore, we all can start to conserve by limiting needless driving, whether we can afford the price or not, then the price should go down for everyone.

> Harvey B. Burkholder Grayling

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#### Church plans all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling, invites everyone to a luncheon of hot and/or cold foods on Thursday, April 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make your own sandwich, etc. Salad and dessert are included. Takeouts available. Cost is \$5 per person.

#### Learn to make dried flower bookmark

The Garden Club of Grayling will feature Barbara Joabar and Dolores Crawford at its next meeting, Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. The ladies will demonstrate how to make bookmarks using dried flowers. For more information, call Sandy Allman at 348-4405.

#### Women's league recruiting bowlers

The Friday night 6 p.m. women's Northwood League is recruiting for additional teams for 2004-2005 bowling season. Four member teams is the goal. All interested women bowlers are invited to attended a league meeting on Friday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Lanes in Grayling. For more information, call Trish Bernardo at 344-0035 (anytime) or Lori Ellis at 348-7500 (before 5 p.m.)

# Little League registration continues until April 17

► Five winners announced from Little League Registration Night

Grayling Little League hosted Registration Night at the Grayling Holiday Inn on March 17 and approximately 70 youths registered to play either softball or baseball this year.

Door prizes were awarded to David Somero (Minor League), Caleb Kennedy (Intermediate Fund. League), Josh Jackson (Major League), Matt Hellebuyck this help with funding a child's (Junior League), and Alex Robson (Girls' Softball).

Registration continues lat

Sylvester's until April 17, with a fee of \$25 per player (family maximum of \$50) and each player is responsible for a \$20 fundraising fee (family maximum of \$40).

A copy of the child's birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration. Players must be seven years old by July 31, 2004 to participate.

The registration portion of the Little League fees is an approved expenditure for the Youth Recreation Assistance

For more information about participation in Little League, call the Youth Service Bureau at 348-2841, ext. 262.

# Kids invited to enter fair's coloring contest

is holding a design and coloring contest. Design and color a picture that will best use the theme of this year's fair.

The contest is open to all school age children in grades Kindergarten through 12, including residents of Crawford County.

The theme for the coloring contest is "Meet Me at the Fair."

The winning entry will be used as the inside cover design of the Fair Premium Book and the young artist will be awarded

The Roscommon County Fair a \$25 cash prize, plus have their photograph taken and interviewed. Two runners-up will also be chosen and awarded prizes.

> All entries must have the name, age, address, phone number and school attended printed clearly on the back.

> Deadline for entries is April 15, 2004. Mail entries to: The Roscommon County Fair 478, Board, P.O. Box Roscommon, MI 48653.

The Roscommon County Fair will be held August 13-15.

### University launches new degree programs in Gaylord

Beginning in the Fall 2004 semester, The University Center in Gaylord will host Ferris State University in two more academic programs.

The first of the new offerings is the Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education that will prepare people to be teachers in Michigan middle and high schools. The second is the Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems that will train students to enter a wide variety of industries that rely on computerized systems in their operations.

These programs join the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (M.Ed.) already offered that has options in Administrative and Secondary and Elementary Certification.

The M.Ed. is a unique program that integrates the courses needed to receive teaching certification in the state of Michigan

into a master's degree program. The program provides an opportunity for degreed individuals who would like to move into a teaching or school administration career in an educational set-

Informational sessions regarding the Secondary Education B.S. and M.Ed. programs were scheduled for Wednesday, March 24 at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., respectively, at the University

Those interested in the Computer Information Systems B.S. degree can attend a session on Monday, March 29, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room U-111 of the University Center, located at 80 Livingston Boulevard in Gaylord.

Program advisors will be on hand to answer questions about the programs. Reservations are requested by calling (989) 705-3747 or toll-free at 1-866-857-1954.

### RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club Week ending March 21 - winners of \$25 each: Bruce

Armstrong, Howard Moggo, Bill Tobin, Roger Barber, Brenda Grandmaison.

# 75th birthday includes visit from state budget director



Mitch Irwin, former State Senator and now Director of the Department of Management and Budget for Governor Jennifer Granholm, recently made a trip to Grayling to visit friend and Grayling resident, Doris Birtcher in celebration of her 75th birthday. Irwin, along with friends and family of Ms. Birtcher, met at the home of Fred and Pam Fisher for a small informal birthday luncheon on Monday, March 15.

#### RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled dur- to the public. ing March 24 - 30 is as follows:

Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd, F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) March 24 - 26 and March 30.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice

#### SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

This week's (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Thursday, March 25 - Stuffed peppers/Tuna noodle casserole; Aerobics 10 a.m.; Craft Class 10 a.m.; B.P.'s taken 11 a.m. noon; Uno Attack 5:30 p.m.

Friday, March 26 - Swiss steak/no dinner; Stagette Club 1 p.m.; Pantry Bingo 1 p.m.

Monday, March 29 - Beef tips and noodles/Kielbasa and sauerkraut; Aerobics 10 a.m.; Stag Club noon; Bridge Club 1 p.m.; Hangman 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30 Meatloaf/Baked ham; Bible Study 10 a.m.; Income Tax Service 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, March '31 -Chicken strips/Veal patty; Exercise & Line Dance 10:00 a.m.; Stag Club 12 noon; Cardo 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays salad bar; Mondays and Wednesdays - soup bar.

All Crawford County senior citizens and their families are welcome and encouraged to visit the Senior Center in Grayling.

Contact the Grayling office of The Range 40 Air to Ground the Department of Natural Resources for the area closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

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# The Bible Speaks

#### **Baptist Martyr**

The Associated Press gave the report of Pastor John Kelley,s martyrdom resulting from a Valentine's Day ambush by terrorists upon Baptist pastors near the town of Mahmudiyah about 15 miles south of Baghdad. As I read the article I was amazed to see the name of my good friend Pastor Kirk DiVietro listed as one of the wounded. Upon his return home I contacted brother DiVietro to encourage him and let him know I was praying for them. When I asked for his record of the incident, he suggested I go on the computer to Google and type in "Kirk DiVietro" +Iraq. He is too busy right now with his family and church to write.

Seven Baptist pastors from the New England states were in Iraq to baptize Iraqi Christians and assist them in establishing the first Baptist church in Iraq. They did not go to Iraq to evangelize Muslims, as brother DiVietro said. "We hope that we've done something tangible in Iraq," he said. "We weren't there to evangelize Muslims. We were there to encourage Christians in a Christian community to help Iraqi Christians establish their own church." They were there to ordain a pastor and offer any training and leadership skills desired by the Iraqi Christians.

They were warmly received by the Iraqi people they met. As DiVietro said, "We did not have one negative experience with an Iraqi person so we were lulled into a sense of (safety)," he said. "The Iraqi people in general are kind people. They were glad (U.S. troops) were there. They're glad Saddam was out of

power." But toward the close of their ministry one of their cars driven by an Iraqi was suddenly ambushed by an AK 47 attack from a vehicle which pulled up beside them. The gunmen shouted Islamic oaths as they opened fire killing Pastor John Kelley and wounding pastors Kirk DiVetro, David Davis, and Garland Carey. Kelley appeared to be killed instantly. Members of the U.S. Army later told them, "You don't survive that kind of an execution attempt." DiVietro said the taxi driver saved their lives, "Because the driver wasn't hit and had the state of mind not to stop, he floored the vehicle," he said. "We later thanked him and he said, 'I didn't do it...I don't know how...God did it."

of the risk from insurgents and suicide bombers. As a friend and member of His church Roland Vukic said, "Pastor Kelley was willing to give his life so that people would hear the message that Jesus had. He was just that kind of man...He died in the service of our Lord," as Pastor DiVietro said, "He was there because he wanted to see Scripture take a foothold." In spite of one dead and three wounded, the pastors finished their baptisms the next day. As DiVietro said "We decided we were not leaving without doing what we came to do or else John died for no reason at all." He said, "If it brings attention to the ministry in Iraq we'll be able to look back and see with hindsight what God was doing." But as DiVietro said, "We knew if the

But, John Kelley did not die in vain. As a marine he offered his life for the freedom of his nation. As a pastor he gave his life for the Lord Jesus Christ because he loved the people of Iraq. He did not go there with a gun to kill, but with the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God, He went to give love in the midst of hate, life in the midst of death and destruction, and peace in the midst of war. He died as he lived serving His Lord who had commanded him in Mark 16:15: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Jesus Christ desired and commanded that the people of Iraq hear the truth of the gospel.

ficed their lives to offer the Iraqi people their God-given freedoms. John Kelley sacrificed his life to offer the Iraqi people their Godgiven faith. These are the real heroes of the 21st century. They have been willing to leave their homeland, family, friends, jobs, and other blessings because they really care about others. Some have given everything they had including their very lives. Their example should inspire us to personal sacrifice for God and others also, Pastor "B'

OUT church each Sunday.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

Timothy G. Blackmer Jan. 8, 1947 - Mar. 21, 2004

Timothy G. Blackmer, 57, of Maple Forest Township, died at home March 21, 2004.

Timothy was born January 8, 1947 in Detroit, the son of Leonard and Mary (McDonnell) Blackmer.

He was a captain of the Dearborn Fire Department. Upon his retirement in 2000, he moved to Maple Forest Township.

Timothy served his country as a U.S. Marine during the Vietnam era.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465 and the Knights of Columbus Council #1982 where he was serving as the Grand Knight.

He was also a membr of the Grayling Country Club where he loved to golf.

He is survived by his beloved wife Jan; two sons and four daughters: James (Cherie) Dillon, Michele (James) Daoust, Kimberly (Jeff) Oelslager, Eric (Kristi) Blackmer, Nicole Davis and Lisa Blackmer; nine grandchildren, his mother Mary Blackmer and sister-in-law Nancy Blackmer.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Blackmer and one brother, Dan Blackmer.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held March 25 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Reverend Robert Nalley officiating.

Visitation is on March 23, from 2p.m. to 9 p.m. and March 24, from noon to 9 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. Military rites will be accorded him by the American Legion Post #106, Grayling and Michigan Army National Guard, Camp Grayling.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

#### in Memory of

Terri Melroy-Tuck March 21,2003

If tears could build a stairway Memories a Lane We'd climb right up to Heaven and

Bring you home again, Always in our thoughts Forever in our hearts

SHERIFF'S

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk

Wakefield reports his office han-

dled the following 70 complaints

One EMS response, nine traf-

fic accidents, one traffic viola-

tion (civil infraction), one acci-

dent - all other, one motor vehi-

cle inspection, three civil matter

disputes - family trouble, four

suspicious situations, one lost

and found property, 13 general

One vehicle fire, one delinquent minors, one false alarm

activation, one CSC/sexual

Grayling City Police Chief

Karl A. Schreiner reports his

Two traffic controls, three

REPORT

GRAYLING POLICE

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#### Lillian K. Yuill March 16, 2004

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The following items were

NEWS

Mrs. Lillian K. Yuill, a loving mother and grandmother of Gaylord, died on Tuesday, March 16, 2004.

Lillian was born December II in Mio, the daughter of Robert and Kristine Ziebell. She grew up in Grayling and graduated from Grayling High School.

Lillian married John B. Yuill of Vanderbilt. They resided in Vanderbilt and later moved to Gaylord.

She is survived by her twin daughters, Dianne K. (Robert) McNamara and Yvonne Howard. She is also survived by grandchildren Dr. Patrick McNamara, Dr. Michael (Donna) McNamara, Robert (Jan) McNamara, Julie (David) Hintz, Rand (Darcy) Howard and Wendy Howard.

Also surviving are great grandchildren Calvin McNamara; Mitchell, Kelly and Lauren Hintz; and Karly and Scott Pratchard.

Lillian was preceded in death by her husband, John B. Yuill; her sister, Matilda (Joe) Gildner; brother, Jensen (Frances) Ziebell; son-in-law, Al Howard; and grandson Scott Howard.

Private family services have taken place.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gaylord Schools Athletic Boosters or to the charity of your choice, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord.

John Joseph Ryan Aug. 29, 1975 - Mar. 22, 2004 John Joseph Ryan, 28, died March 22, 2004 at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

#### In Memory of

March 30

One too many mornings, And a thousand sleepless nights.

assault, two assault/ intimida-

tion/stalking, two larceny, two

larceny of personal property

from a vehicle, one fraudulent

activities, two drug/ narcotic vio-

lations, one obstructing justice -

other, six public peace disorder-

ly, one OUIL/UBAL, two health

and safety, two miscellaneous

criminal offense, three miscella-

neous arrest, seven driving viola-

tions/ DWLS, etc., one driving on revoked/suspended/ refused

For more information, log on

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#### Kayli Marie Burch

Dale Lee Burch and Ramanda Marie Steiger, of Roseville, announce the birth of their daughter, Kayli Marie Burch. She was born at 2:19 a.m. on March 9, 2004, weighing 4 lbs. 11 oz. and measuring 18-1/2 inches. Kayli's grandparents are Paula Capling and Luke Helsel and Mike and Peg Steiger, all of Grayling; Sally and Pat Wilson, of Roseville; and Bob Burch of Roscommon.

#### **HONORS**

**Grand Valley State University** 

Kimberly S. Hartman, of Beaver Creek Township, graduated at the conclusion of the Fall 2003 Semester, with a Bachelor of Science degree from Grand Valley State University.

Kimberly is a graduate of Grayling High School, and the daughter of John and Sharon Hartman, of Beaver Creek Township.

Pastor Kelley, being a former Marine, had gone to Iraq fully aware

gospel was going to be preached in

Many American soldiers have sacri-

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and Website at http://www.i2k.net/-cba .We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John

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Bear Lake Christian M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd

Horvest Time Church of God Protest Fred County 606 North Birch St., Kalkadan (231) 258-3446 department handled the following types of complaints during the period of March 14-21: assist other departments, six traffic warnings, one motorist assist, three disturbing the peace complaints, six larceny, one juvenile,

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**CEMETERY MEMORIALS** 

# Scouts, dads attend annual Father and Son Weekend



Photo courtesy of Boy Scout Troop 979

Boy Scout Troop 979 recently went to Wilderness State Park for its annual Father and Son Weekend. The troop also invited members of Troop 995 to attend. Activities included snowshoeing, sledding, a big snowball fight, football and lots of fellowship. The troop has made this an annual event taking place just after the Webelos graduate from Cub Scouts. Both troops would like to remind everyone to look for the Scouting for Food bags to be distributed April 17. This is another project both troops and the Cub Scouts do together. To find out more about local scouting, contact any Scout pictured or call Scoutmaster Loren Goodale at 348-8682.

#### 46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

**Sentencings for February 2004** 

Hon. Alton T. Davis

Roger Bruce Matt, age 37 of Grayling - Found guilty by a jury of Home Invasion – 1st Degree and Habitual Offender – 4th Conviction; sentenced February 2, 2004 to 165 to 360 months in prison with credit for 365 days served; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund and \$60 state minimum costs. Sentence to run concurrent with Crawford County case #02-2029-FC already being served.

Michael Brandon Trosper, age 19 of Grayling - Pleaded guilty December 11, 2003 to Assault Harm Less than Murder; sentenced February 12, 2004 to 365 days in jail with credit for three days served; placed on 36 months probation; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, and \$350 attorney fee.

**MILITARY** News



Jeff A. Taylor Jr.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Jeff A. Taylor Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of training, Jeff studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Jeff is a 1995 graduate of Grayling High School, a 2000 graduate of Central Michigan University, and the son of Jeff A. Taylor Sr. of Grayling.

#### Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Joel Thomas Wright, age 25 of Grayling – Pleaded guilty January 8, 2004 to Operating – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL)/per se and Operating – OUIL/per se 3rd Offense; sentenced February 5, 2004 to 365 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, \$500 penal fine, and \$350 attorney fee. The vehicle used in the offense shall be immobilized or forfeited. Sixty days community service to be served while incarcerated. Defendant may receive a 25% reduction in sentence if court assessments are paid in full during incarceration.

Carroll Eugene Teboe Jr., age 43 of Grayling – Pleaded guilty December 16, 2003 to Child Abuse – 3rd Degree; sentenced February 5, 2004 to 330 days in

jail with credit for 49 days served, 49 days forthwith and balance of sentence held in abeyance; placed on probation for 24 months; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, and \$350 attorney fee.

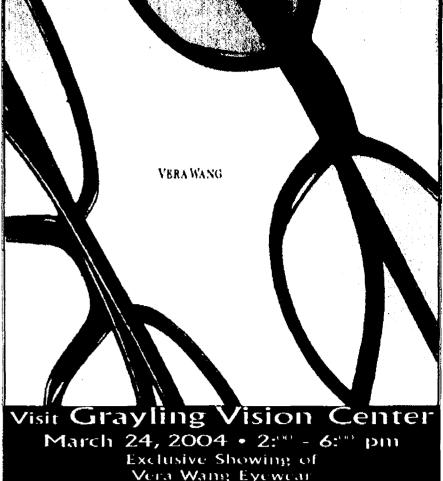
Brandon Roger Gorr, age 19 of Grayling - Pleaded guilty August 15, 2002 to Break & Enter with Intent; sentenced February 12, 2004 to 180 days in jail with credit for 98 days served; placed on 24 months probation; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$100 restitution; Holmes Youth Training Act status set aside.

Shane Lee Ebright, age 21 of Edmore – Pleaded guilty on February 12, 2004 of a probation violation of October 16, 2001 original conviction of False Report of a Felony; sen-

tenced February 12, 2004 to 365 days in jail with credit for 308 days served; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, and \$350 attorney fee; discharged from probation without improvement and financial obligations preserved.

#### Hon. John G. Hunter

Todd Wayne Lovely, age 33 of Grayling - Pleaded guilty January 13, 2004 to Operating -Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL)/per se, Operating - OUIL/per se 3rd Offense; sentenced February 19, 2004 to 240 days in jail with credit for two days served; six months forthwith, two months held in abeyance and Defendant must perform 60 days community service; placed on 18 months probation; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$60 state minimum costs, \$300 Circuit Court costs, and \$500 penal fine.



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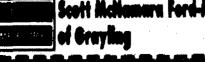
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# For those who want to be healthier "in the worst way"

By Ernie Harwell



I'm often asked whether I dreamed of being a major league broadcaster as a child. My answer is always the same: I became a broadcaster because I grew up wanting to play baseball in the worst way - and that's exactly how I played it.

Though this tongue-in-cheek reply gets a chuckle or two, it also reminds me that there's often a best way, and a worst way, to do things.

So if you have decided to exercise to improve your health, here are three important things to remember about the best way to begin:

First, consult your doctor. Next, start slow and increase your level of exercise gradually. Even a little exercise is better than none. Just walking three to four times each week for 30 to 40 minutes will deliver many benefits. In fact, the U.S. Surgeon General says 30 minutes of moderate exercise cumulative each day is enough to keep us in shape.

Finally, remember that pain during exercise is a sign that something is wrong. If you experience unusual pain while exercising, slow down or stop until you have again talked to your doctor.

These three simple tips are your keys to improving your health "in the best way."

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.



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# Take measures this spring to prevent oak wilt

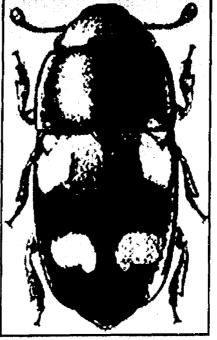
by Chris Nieman

Submitted by the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District

Oak wilt is a fungal disease that infects both red and white oaks. Fungal colonies develop in oaks after spores moving with sap lodge in the water conducting system of the tree. The infected tree reacts to the disease by producing gums and resins. It is both the formation of colonies and the production of resins that cause the water conducting system to become plugged, killing the tree.

The first signs of the oak wilt appear toward the top of the tree. Leaves will turn a dull green or brown starting from the edges and moving inward, leaves may also curl or wilt. Defoliation and discoloration begins at the branch ends and moves inward throughout the crown within several days to several weeks. White oaks show the same signs of oak wilt as red oaks, but white oaks seem to be more resistant to the disease and can take years to die. Red oaks, however, are not as tolerant of the disease. The result is a rapid shutdown and death within in as little as three weeks.

Oak wilt is spread through naturally occurring root grafts or by a sap feeding beetle com-



The picnic beetle (above) is widely responsible for the spread of oak wilt disease. In its adult stage, the beetle measures about 1/3 - 1/4 inch.

monly called the picnic beetle. Oak wilt causes infected trees to produce a pad or mat in the early spring. This mat contains spores of the disease. Picnic beetles are attracted to the fruity wine-like smell of the mats and either feed on or tunnel through the mats covering their bodies with the spores. Since the beetles are sap feeders, they are attracted to the fresh wounds of trees. Oak wilt spores fall off the beetle onto the fresh wound, infecting the tree.

Oak wilt can be spread over long distances though beetle transmission. Once the disease has entered one oak tree, others in the stand will be infected through interconnected root systems. Although bodies of water, roads or buildings can act as barriers, depending on soil type, the disease can spread 100 feet or more through root grafts.

Little can be done once the tree is infected with oak wilt. Expensive fungicides may be applied by a licensed applicator, but they must be used before or shortly after the tree or trees have been infected. For most landowners, prevention and containment are the best treatments.

Prevention of oak wilt is the easiest and most cost efficient means to control the disease. The picnic beetles are most active from April to July. Simply refraining from pruning oaks during this time frame will prevent the spread of the disease. Sometimes oaks may become wounded from storms or by careless use of lawn equipment, such as weed trimmers and lawn mowers. Wounds found on oaks during the months of April through July should be dressed with a commercially available tree paint to deter the picnic beetles from feeding on

Once oak wilt is found in a fessional.

stand, containment measures must be taken to prevent its spread. Root grafts must be severed to break up inter-tree connections. This is done by the use of a vibratory plow or a cable plow. Plows of this type that are the most effective are those that have a 5-foot or longer blade.

Placement of the plow lines is important to the containment of the disease; lines need to be placed far enough from the infected tree(s) to contain the

Only after the roots have been severed should the oaks be cut. The cutting of an infected tree that is still alive may actually increase the rate of spread. Once the trees have been cut, the wood should not be removed from the site until it has been debarked, chipped or split and dried. These steps will prevent the development of spore mats and the transmission of the disease

Finally, take care in using lawn equipment around oaks between April and July. Land owners should cover wounds that do occur with tree paint and if they notice oaks on their property are turning brown or are losing leaves in late spring or summer, their trees may have oak wilt and they should contact a forester or other tree care pro-

#### Plan to open teacher contract talks sparks debate

by Alex Nixon Capital News Service

LANSING - Negotiations between school boards and teacher unions could be open to the public, allowing reporters and citizens to sit in on contract talks under a controversial new proposal to broaden the state's Open Meetings Act.

But critics of the idea charge—late discussion on the issue of that such a change will have a closed-door negotiations.

"chilling effect" on collective will seamed to have because

bargaining.

"We have a good history of negotiations here. I'd hate for anything to taint that history," said Milli Haug, superintendent for the Crawford AuSable School District.

But Sen. Wayne Kuipers (R-Holland), who introduced the measure, said he hopes to stimulate discussion on the issue of closed-door negotiations.

they're dealing With public dollars, those kinds of discussions should be out in the open," he

The 1976 law requires all meetings of public bodies to be open, except for contract negotiations, personnel evaluations, student discipline hearings, real estate or other property purchases, consultation with attorneys and reviews of job candidates. The change would apply only to collective bargaining sessions involving school boards and intermediate school districts.

Kuipers admitted that school boards and teachers might not like the proposal, but said taxpayers might favor the change.

However, he continued, "I have no preconceived notions about support. I want to engage the topic and hear discussion from all sides of the issue"

from all sides of the issue."

The five contract deals that were reached last year between Crawford AuSable School District and its employee unions are set to expire on June 30, Haug said.

With school funding from the state up in the air, Haug said she expects to once again negotiate one-year contracts for the districts more than 250 employees for the 2004-2005 school year.

She also said it is reasonable for the public to be informed, but people act differently when they have an audience.

The state's largest teacher's union echoed Haug's sentiment.

media, the process never moves forward," said Margaret Trimer-Hartley, director of communications for the 170,000-member Michigan Education Association (MEA), the state's largest union of teachers and other school employees.

Of the 1,200 MEA contracts around the state, 419 have yet to be settled, Trimer-Hartley said. These include Hudson Area Schools' 69 teachers who have been without a contract since August 2002, and Escanaba Area Public Schools' 191 teachers who have been without a contract since last June.

Trimer-Hartley said reaching agreement is an arduous journey, and politicizing issues and posturing before the media would be counterproductive to sitting down and hammering out a deal.

"When school boards and others try to use the media, it has a negative effect on bargaining," she said.

She added that communities have the chance to review any agreements before final deci-

sions are made.

Dawn Hertz, general counsel for the Michigan Press Association, said the idea that taxpayers who are unhappy with teacher contracts can vote out the school board in the next election doesn't solve the problem because the money is already committed.

Hertz said she commends
Kuipers for his goal of letting the
public see more of the promeries
contract, negotiations,
"Newspapers are always interested in preserving access," she
said.

Getting two sides to come together on any issue is difficult enough without the public weighing in, she said. But in the end, taxpayer input might bring more information to the process, perhaps creating a more viable contract, Hertz added.

Don Wotruba, director of legislative affairs for the Michigan Association of School Boards, said he expects his organization to oppose the change.

"At the end of the process we don't have a problem with disclosure," he said. But if bargaining sessions are open to the public, unions that make public appeals could have serious financial impacts on school districts.

The proposal has been referred to the Senate Education Committee, but Kuipers, who chairs the committee, said he has not set a time for hearings. "If there's room in the schedule, I'll see if we can fit it in."

#### Drivers fined for no proof of insurance may get refund

LANSING - Legislation waiving a \$300 fee for motorists who fail to show proof of insurance when pulled over has been sent to the House for concurrence, said Senator Tony Stamas (R-36th District).

"We need to reduce the excessive fines facing drivers for failing to have proof of insurance in their vehicle even if they have insurance," Stamas said. "This is an oversight that needed to be corrected."

Stamas also is encouraged to hear the governor supports this legislation.

"This legislation makes sense and I look forward to her signing the bill into law, as do many motorists," Stamas said.

As amended, the bill:

• Allows a driver to appear prior to the appearance date on the citation and show proof that they had auto insurance at the time of the violation. If they do this, no Driver Responsibility fees may be levied.

• Provides for reimbursement of drivers already assessed. The legislation allows drivers to appear in court within 60 days and appeal the court's ruling that resulted in the assessment being charged in the first place. If drivers prove they had insurance, the fees will be refunded by the Secretary of State.

Stamas noted the legislation does not remove the civil infraction for failure to show proof of insurance. This civil infraction has been on the books for years, long before the Driver Responsibility Act.

Courts may still assess a \$25 fee for tickets issued, even if a driver appears in court with proofof insurance.



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# Five-point plan would fight job loss in state

LANSING - State Rep. Matt Gillard (D-106th District) announced March 17 he will fight to win legislative approval of a five-point plan to create good-paying jobs and stop Michigan jobs from being exported overseas.

"Thousands of Michigan workers are hurting after seeing their jobs disappear to other countries and thousands more are struggling to make ends meet because of a rocky economy," said Gillard.

"Our plan encourages the creation of good-paying jobs and stems the exporting of Michigan jobs."

The plan includes:

• A Good-Paying Jobs Tax Credit - Employers who create good-paying jobs that pay workers above the industry standard (as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics) and demonstrates a net increase in jobs over the previous year would be rewarded with an SBT tax credit;

• The Exported and Displaced Jobs (EDJ) Retraining Fund -Based on the federal Worker required to pay into a retraining

Would ban state agencies from Assistance Reporting Network investing in or purchasing goods (WARN), businesses that outor services from companies that relocate to foreign nations to source jobs would have to give the state 90 days notice and be avoid U.S. taxes. fund for displaced workers:

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Michigan is losing approximately 1,000 jobs per month due to outsourcing. The plan endorsed by Gillard addresses and fights this disturbing trend.

• Preferred Contract Status for

Creating New Jobs - Businesses

who show a net increase in good-

paying jobs over a year period

would receive special considera-

• House Bill 4940 - Would

require the state and city to only

offer state contracts to companies

that employ people living in the

• House Bill 5080 and 5081 -

tion for state contracts;

United States; and

Under this plan, business that export jobs would be required to pay to retrain displaced workers and the state would be banned from doing business with companies that outsource jobs or relocate to avoid U.S. taxes.

"Michigan is among the top job-exporting states in the nation," Gillard said. "That is Working men and women made this state great and

allowing their jobs to be shipped off to countries like China and India is no way to show them our gratitude. If a Michigan business decides to export jobs, then they have a responsibility to retrain the workers whose jobs were shipped overseas or across our borders."

Another highlight of the package is business accountability. Gillard wants to provide a tax credit to businesses that create good-paying jobs and show a net increase in new jobs over a year

"Our scarce state resources should be allocated responsibly and in a way that creates goodpaying jobs, not displaces workers," Gillard said,

"When a company sends Michigan jobs overseas or shuts down, you lose more than jobs. You cripple an entire community. The tax base is eroded. Police and fire services are hurt. Everyone is affected."

House Democrats have launched a web site called www.fight-outsourcing.com where workers whose jobs have been exported and others can voice their concerns and urge their elected officials to fight out-





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### Rep. Stupak appointed to special ethics panel

WASHINTON, DC - House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) has Congressman Bart Stupak (D-MI) to the small pool of congressional members who may be called on to investigate ethics violations of other members of the ' U.S. House Representatives.

Stupak will join nine other Democrats named by Pelosi and 10 Republicans named by House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL) as part of the select group that may be drawn upon to assist the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct investigating ethics complaints.

The special ethics panel is in accordance with reforms adopted by the House in September 1997 that allows the full Committee to form these smaller panels when needed.

"Bart Stupak is a person of great integrity who is able to work well with members on both sides of the aisle," Pelosi said in making his appointment. "His sense of justice, fairness, bi-partisanship, and this legal background make him an excellent A Michigan attorney, Stupak is

choice for the investigative

also a former Michigan State Police Trooper whose duties included conducting investigations of public officials. He also has served on the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee where he investigated recent scandals including the Imclone/Martha Stewart stock sale, the collapse of Enron, the Ford/Firestone tire investigation, and security lapses at the Department of Energy's nuclear laboratories.

Stupak was also selected in previous Congresses to serve on these ethics subcommittees.

"I again accept this appointment with pride in the trust that has been placed in my discretion and judgment, but with a sober understanding of the tremendous responsibility I have been given," Stupak said on March 19. "I believe the leaders of both parties respect my ability to work impartially under those circumstances, and I will work to justify their trust."

### Governor signs bill banning traffic signal controllers

LANSING - Under new laws Commission guidelines. signed into law March 15, the possession, purchase or use of traffic signal controllers can now result in fines and possible jail time.

Senate Bills 842 and 843, sponsored by Senators Tony Stamas (R-Midland) and Jud Gilbert (R-Algonac), became Public Acts 25 and 26 of 2004. The new laws limit the use of all signal preemption devices such as Mobile Infrared Transmitters to emergency personnel only.

"We designed these laws to help prevent unfortunate accidents," Stamas said. "Only authorized emergency personnel should have access to these devices. I'm happy to see the governor approve this legislation."

The devices emit a signal to receivers installed at intersections and, when within a 1,500foot range, change the light immediately from red to green, allowing emergency vehicles to more easily pass through the intersection.

Since the devices operate on infrared signals, they do not emit radio signals like radar jammers and certain laser detectors. Therefore, they do not violate Communications Federal

"I applaud the governor for signing this important public safety provision into law," Gilbert said. "I see no need for the general public to possess one of these devices. Our streets are safer with this law on the books."

Michigan is one of the first states in the country to enact such legislation. Additionally, a bill has been introduced in the U.S. Congress.

Under the new laws, penalties include:

- A misdemeanor charge with up to 90 days in jail and a fine of \$5,000 for the unlawful possession of a signal preemption device;
- A felony charge punishable by imprisonment of up to two years and a fine of \$10,000 for the unlawful sale or purchase of a signal preemption device;
- Felony charges punishable by imprisonment up to five years and a fine of \$15,000 for individuals using a signal preemption device resulting in a traffic crash. If use of a signal preemption device results in a fatal crash, the penalty is a felony charge punishable by up to 15 years imprisonment and a fine of \$25,000.

#### Walkers needed for MS benefit

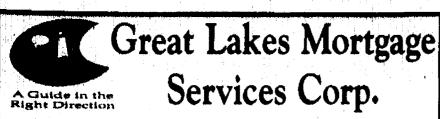
The National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society -Michigan Chapter is planning its annual MS Walks at 15 locations throughout the state.

The mission of the organization is to end the devastating effects of MS. Through its 50-state network of chapters, the Society funds. research, furthers education, advocates for people with disabilities and provides a variety of empowering programs for the third of a million Americans who have MS and their families. The Michigan Chapter is one of the largest MS Society Chapters in the country.

More than 7,000 walkers are expected to take to the streets to raise funds toward the support of at least 15,000 individuals diagnosed with MS in Michigan. These walks are three, six and 12 miles long. In northern Michigan, the Traverse City MS Walk is scheduled to

take place on Saturday, June 26, with the start and finish line at the Grand Traverse Civic Center. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the Walk begins at 9 a.m. for the six-mile walk.

For more information about how to get involved in this MS Society event, call toll-free 1-877-242-3784 or visit www.nmssmi.org.



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#### Maltz Bank keepsakes on sale to benefit Besser Museum

The Jesse Besser Museum in Alpena is offering a unique opportunity to obtain a keepsake of the oldest building still standing in that town.

The historic Exchange Bank of Geo. L. Maltz and Co. was established in April 1872. It was the first home of the bank, which eventually became the Alpena National Bank in 1882, the Alpena Savings Bank in 1931, and is now the National City

The Maltz Bank is the oldest building still standing in Alpena. It was moved to the Jesse Besser Museum in April 1972 through the efforts of James A. Cameron, President of Alpena Savings Bank, Frank Gaasch, President of Piepkorn Company, and Museum Director Peter Cook.

Museum staff member Harry Zolnierek, with the help of a part-time student, helped restore it that summer. Since then, it has brought history alive for thousands of visitors.

The museum has made available colored ceramic renderings of the Maltz Bank in magnet or hanging form. They measure approximately 2 1/4" by 3." They make wonderful gifts of history for collectors and the general public. The Maltz Bank magnets or hangers may be purchased at the museum for \$4.95 each. All proceeds benefit the museum's educational mission.

For more information, call the museum at (989) 356-2202.

#### Honors

Central Michigan University

About 2,700 students were among the December 2003 graduates at Central Michigan University, including two from Crawford County.

Jenny M. French, of Grayling, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

Amy L. Martella, of Grayling, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

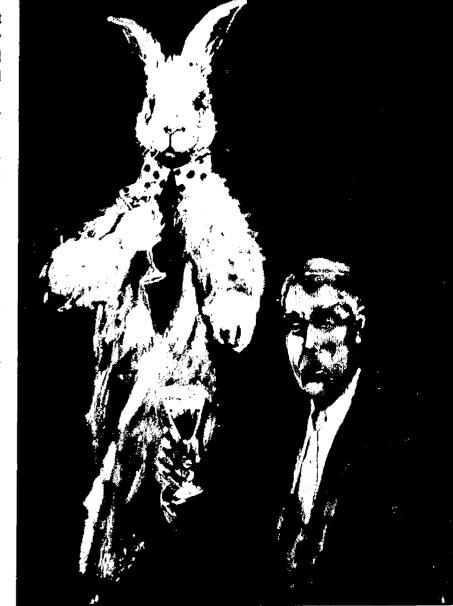
### Local artist featured in production of 'Harvey'

The Kirtland Community College Theatre Arts Department will be presenting "Harvey," by Mary Chase, on Friday, and Saturday, April 2-3 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 4 at 2 p.m.

Two paintings were needed for this production, one of Elwood P. Dowd and his friend Harvey, a six-foot tall white rabbit, and one of Elwood's mother. Jeff Bond, a local artist and Theatre Arts Department work study student stepped up to the challenge.

Bond, who has a studio in Grayling, said he would be happy to paint the portraits for the production. "It is a great opportunity to expose the community to the many facets of artistic talent from the surrounding area," said Gary Carton, Chairman of the Kirtland Community College's Theatre Arts Department. "Jeff has created many original paintings for area museums and local residents."

"Harvey" will be produced by special arrangement with Dramatist Play Service, Inc. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. Reserve tickets, by calling (989) 275-5000 ext. 375. Tickets will also be available at the door.



Grayling artist Jeff Bond recently painted two works, including the one shown here, to be used on the set of the Kirtland Theatre production of "Harvey."

#### Primary care providers accepting new patients

As healthcare providers in the region make changes in their careers, residents of the region continue to require the comfort of knowing primary care providers are available to meet their medical needs.

The OMH Medical Group is a multi-specialty group of healthcare providers committed to meeting the medical care needs of area residents.

"As seasoned providers from the area move on in their careers. or change the focus of their careers, we want the community to know that several providers are accepting new patients," said Skip Kasprzak, Vice President of Physician Services at Otsego Memorial Hospital.

"In addition to several providers already on staff, the OMH Medical Group is looking forward to the arrival of Steve Parker, M.D. a family practice physician, this July.

"We also anticipate signing contracts with two additional Family Practice physicians to join the OMH Medical Group this fall and in the spring of 2005. The Hospital also is actively recruiting for a specialists in Internal Medicine, Neurology, and Otolaryngology (ENT)."

OMH Medical Group Family Practice is located in the OMH Professional Medical Building, 829 North Center Avenue in Gaylord.

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# Local automotive industry supply company expanding

by Susan Warrington Staff Writer

Erich Christman founded Derwich Industries in 1992 in his garage. The business has been growing each year and Christman decided it was time to move to a new, larger loca-

Christman has been gradually moving equipment into the new building, located in Grayling's Industrial Park and plans to move the business there entirely by the end of March.

Derwich makes plastic injection molds and injection mold parts. The products can be as diverse as cane tips for the blind, or making water filtration systems, but supplying parts to the automotive industry accounts for approximately 80 percent of the business.

The business is currently in the last stages of paperwork to get their quality rating so they can increase the amount of work they can do for the automotive industry.

When that becomes official they expect to have a lot more business and will expand their current facilities by an additional 3,600 square feet.

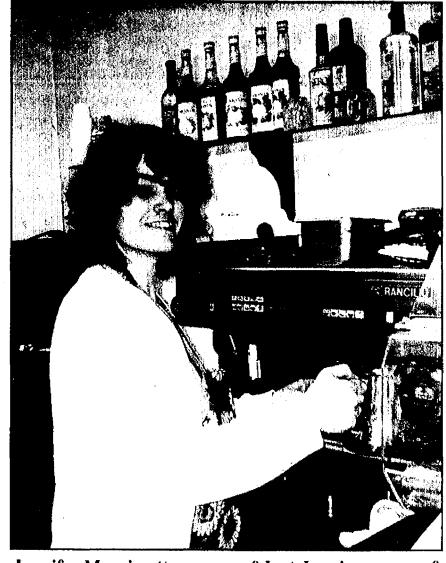
The work force has been increasing steadily with fifteen employees covering the 24-hour per-day, five-day-aweek business.

Christman comes by his interest in engineering naturally. His father, Warner Christman, who is the Vice President and senior tool engineer of Derwich, owned MTE (Milltown Tool and Engineering) in Grayling for several years.



President and founder of Derwich Industries Erich Christman is preparing for the move to new quarters.

# New coffee bar opens in Grayling



Jennifer Morrissette, owner of Just Jenn's, a new coffee shop, is ready to make a cappuccino or latte for customers.

by Susan Warrington Staff Writer

There's a new place in town to buy regular coffee and tea. However, Just Jenn's, located at 123 East Michigan Avenue, also serves espresso, cappuccino, latte and frappuccino.

There is seating for about eight people currently and in addition to coffee and tea, juice, milk and bottled water are avail-Cookies, danish, and muffins are also available.

Owner Jennifer Morrissette said the cafe is connected to her husband's business next door (DXR Computers) so that people can have a comfortable place to

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wait with a cup of coffee while their computers are being fixed. She is also hoping to add com-

puter stations so it can become an internet cafe in time. Morrissette said people who carry their lunch are welcome to

come in and buy a drink and eat their lunch in the cafe.

The cafe opened March 16 and will hold its grand opening March 29. The cafe is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Morrissette hopes to add Saturday hours

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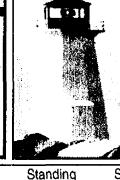
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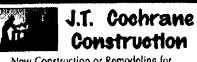
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# M-TEC provost moving on to new challenges

Katherine Nemeth, who began teaching at Kirtland Community College as a full time nursing instructor in 1977 and rose to the position of Provost, has applied for a sabbatical through 2004 in order to complete her doctoral dissertation in public administra-

In the latest of five distinct roles in a 25-year career at the college, Nemeth oversaw the construction of the \$5.2 million M-TEC at Kirtland-Gaylord, which opened in January 2002 and offers a wide-ranging curriculum of more than 400 career and technical courses. To date, it has exceeded every performance goal in terms of enrollment and businesses served.

"We're talking about a tremendously creative accomplishment," Kirtland President Dr. Charles Rorie said. "Not only do we have an outstanding facility in Gaylord, but our programs and curriculum there are second to none. Under Katherine's leadership, the M-TEC at Kirtland-Gaylord has become a national model."

Nemeth's sabbatical is subject to approval by the board of trustees. In her absence, Associate Dean Doty Latuszek will serve as acting Provost, Rorie said.

"I really need to finish the dissertation," Nemeth said, noting that its subject involves growth in enrollment at community col-

Her career at Kirtland began in the late 1970s as a full time instructor of nursing. She later served the college as Director of Health Occupations, Dean of Business, Vice President of Operations and, ultimately, Provost, a vice-presidential level position that took her to Gaylord when citizens of Otsego County were looking for a college partner to develop an M-TEC for the region.

"M-TEC was the culmination, bringing me the opportunity to use all the knowledge I've gained throughout my career here in operations and instruction," Nemeth said. "I think it was the perfect use of my talents."

As for her future beyond her makes our program offerings

sabbatical, Nemeth feels a sense of excitement.

"It certainly opens up more career opportunities," she said.

And she already has entered one of those doors. While completing her dissertation, Nemeth will serve as a consultant to Glenn Wilson, chairman and chief executive officer of M-33 Access, a high-speed Internet service provider recognized for operating the largest consecutive wireless Internet grid in North American.

"That is a match made in heaven for both M-33 and Katherine," said Rorie.

Meantime, Kirtland remains steadfastly committed to its Gaylord presence, he added.

"I have been proud to have a part in the development of this excellent addition to our college," he said.

"While the M-TEC still has more growth ahead, the remarkable FLEX curriculum (open entry, open exit delivery system) now available there to residents throughout northern Michigan,

fully comprehensive."

"Few larger community colleges can match the breadth of opportunities now available from our 'college in the woods' and its northern facility. We are definitely in Gaylord for the long haul and glad to be there."

#### Instructor co-authors research article

Beth Mogle, nursing instructor at Kirtland Community College (KCC), has coauthored a research article published in the March/April 2004 issue of Journal for Nurses in Staff Development.

The article is entitled, "Continuing Professional Education: Does it Make a Difference in Nursing Practice and Patient Outcomes?" The study was an effort to evaluate the outcome of attendance at continuing education programs by Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses (RNs and LPNs).

The research findings, in part, were that nurses who attended continuing education programs were more receptive to change. Michigan is one of the states that require continuing education for nurses in order to renew their licenses.

Mogle, a resident of Waters, has been teaching nursing at Kirtland since 1983. She is a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner and received her Master of Science Degree in Nursing from Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids.

Her co-authors for the project were Patricia: Underwood and RoAnne Dahlen-Hartfield:

#### Help available for memory, attention disorders

Munson Medical Center is now providing comprehensive services for adolescents and adults who have difficulty with memory, attention, organization, and problem solving at the new Memory and Attention Training Center.

The Center, located at 5123 North Royal Drive in Traverse City, offers a Day Training Program for individuals who have experienced some type of trauma to the brain, such as from an auto accident.

The Memory and Attention Training Center is part of Munson Medical Center's Rehabilitation Program, which had provided some services to trauma patients in partnership with Neuro-Recovery. As of February 13, the partnership with Munson had been dissolved.

Establishing the Center will allow Munson to provide expanded services to the community. In addition to trauma patients, the Center will now offer care to stroke patients, individuals with tumors, and specific memory and attention disorders.

"This Center allows our services to be offered to a wider range of patients," said Program Manager Jan Lyon, OTR. "In addition to serving trauma patients,

we will be able to offer so much more to other patients by bringing them under the Munson umbrel-

The Center will also provide a "Train Your Brain" program, which provides memory training for patients who are suffering age-related memory loss, and will eventually offer caregiver training, in-service training and advice to support groups.

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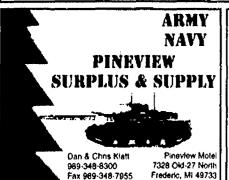
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# GHS band earns excellent ratings at District Festival

The Grayling High School bands participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District Band Festival, February 28, 2004, at Elk Rapids High School.

The band received many outstanding comments, a few suggestiona for improvement and the encouragement to keep working on quality music literature with quality music perfor-

mance skills

Of 20 individual grades, ranging from an A to an E, the band received one B+. The remaining 19 grades were a mixture of A and A+.

At festival, the band must perform three pieces of music, a march, one piece selected from a list provided by the association and one of the band director's choosing. The band was praised on their overall musical interpretation of all three pieces of music, Coat of Arms March by Kenny, As Summer Was Just Beginning by Larry Daehn and American Riversongs by Pierre LaPlante.

In addition to the three pieces of music the band has prepared for the festival, they must sightread two pieces of music given to them at the festival. They have seven minutes to read over the two pieces and then must perform them for the judges as if they were giving a concert. This demonstrates the ability to take their prior knowledge and apply it to the new music.

The fifteen seniors in the band have had six years of first-division ratings at district festival which speaks highly of the band program at the school.

The band directors are Matthew Bishop and Michael Wrobel.



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The recent band festival was the last one for 15 seniors. They are (standing, left to right): Laura Gorski, Lisa Adkison, Heather Vandecar, Maggie VanGuilder, Genecia Shinew, Andy Czuba, Jennifer Hoag, and Megan Fekete. Kneeling (left to right): Band Director Matt Bishop, Michael C. Salyers, Kip Franklin, Chris Bonnington, Timothy Domcik and Assistant Band Director Mike Wrobel. Sitting (left to right): Monica Nemeth, Apryl Rugenstein, Heather Stamper.

### Weight loss improves quality of life



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by Susan Warrington Staff Writer

Lisa Burrell, manager of Curves in Grayling, has lost 106 pounds and says it has improved her health greatly.

Burrell said it took her about 18 months to lose the first 90 pounds and then she hit a plateau where nothing changed. By sticking with her regimen of exercise and watching what she ate, she took off an additional 16 pounds and is continuing to work at losing more so that by summer she will have reached her goal.

As a result of exercising five times a week and walking for 90 minutes every day, she has had diseases go into remission and dropped four medications, including one for high blood

pressure.

Burrell has lupus which attacks the kidneys, leads to blood clots and pleurisy. Since her weight loss the disease appears to be in remission.

Her family has been very supportive and she says she now has the energy to enjoy activities with her son and daughter.

Several of her friends and family have decided they can also get into better shape and lose some weight in the process.

In addition to looking and feeling better Burrell said she has noticed that she gets more respect now. People to whom she was invisible before she lost weight are now talking to her.

Burrell said she was very concerned about the number of peo-



Lisa Burrell (left) has greatly improved her health and energy by losing weight. The above picture was taken when she was at her maximum. weight.

ple who have decided to lose weight by surgery. Any surgery brings risk and there are alternative ways to lose the weight and get increased energy that may be slower but probably healthier in the end because of a change in mental attitude as well as improving the body's ability to carry out activities.



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With the assistance of Mercy Hospital and West Branch Regional Medical Center I will soon be receiving copies of all tests and labs completed since mid-January so that I may contact you regarding results and further followup. Because our billing system was located off-site I will be receiving a complete patient list with phone numbers and addresses soon. I apologize for the inconvenience this situation has caused you, especially those of you who traveled to the office for appointments after February 10, 2004, because you were not aware of the fire.

It has truly been a privilege and a pleasure to be a part of your health care team. I have enjoyed learning more about you and your families. My spirit continues to be lifted by your cards, letters, and calls encouraging me to continue the practice of medicine in spite of everything that has happened the past several years. Your continued support is very motivational and certainly greatly appreciated.

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The IRS estimates half of those who could claim refunds would receive more than \$567. In some cases, individuals had taxes withheld from their wages, or made payments against their taxes out of self-employed earnings, but had too little income to require filing a tax return. Some taxpayers may also be eligible for the refundable Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

"The clock is running if you

want to get your refund," said IRS Michigan spokesperson Sarah Wreford. "People who aren't required to file sometimes overlook that they had tax withheld. Don't wait until it's too late. We want all taxpayers to get the refunds they're due."

In cases where a return was not filed, the law provides most taxpayers with a three-year window of opportunity for claiming a refund. If no return is filed to claim the refund within three years, the money becomes the property of the U.S. Treasury. For 2000 returns, the window closes on April 15, 2004. The law requires the return be properly addressed, postmarked and mailed by that date. There is no

penalty assessed by the IRS for filing a late return qualifying for a refund.

Wreford reminded taxpayers seeking a 2000 refund that their checks will be held if they have not filed tax returns for 2001 or 2002. In addition, the refund will be applied to any amounts still owed the IRS and may be used to satisfy unpaid child support or past due federal debts such as student loans.

"By failing to file a return, individuals stand to lose more than refunds of taxes withheld or paid during 2000," said Wreford. "Many low-income workers may not have claimed the EITC. Although eligible taxpayers may get a refund when their EITC is more than their tax, those who file returns more than three years late would only be able to offset their tax. They would not receive refunds if the credit exceeded their tax."

Generally, individuals qualified for the EITC in 2000 if they earned less than \$31,152 and had more than one qualifying child living with them, less than \$27,413 with one qualifying child, or less than \$10,380 and had no qualifying child.

Current and prior year tax forms are available on the IRS web site (www.irs.gov) or by 1-800-829-3676. calling Taxpayers who need help can also call the IRS help line at 1-800-829-1040.



Boat owners can renew their watercraft registrations online at the Michigan Secretary of State's web site, www.michigan.gov/sos.

The web-based program provides watercraft owners with the ultimate convenience of renewing from their homes or offices anytime of the day or night. Residents may also renew watercraft registrations by touch-tone telephone or mail, or at a branch office. Online and touch-tone renewal options end August 31.

"It may be winter now, but warmer weather and the boating season will be here before you know it," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. "I encourage all boat owners to take advantage of renewing online. It's easy and quick, and the registration decals are mailed within seven to 10 days."

Dock" inserts included with renewal notices remind customers of the convenience of online and touch-tone renewal. Instructions and the personal identification numbers needed to log-in to the system are also provided in the notices.

Payment can be made by VISA, MasterCard, or Discover credit cards. About 256,000 renewal notices were mailed this

All watercraft on Michigan waters, including privately owned lakes and waterways, must be registered except:

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For most watercraft, the registration fee is based on length. Registrations expire on March 31 in the third year of issuance. There are nearly 1,000,000 watercraft registrations on file with the Secretary of State.

Web-based watercraft renewal is part of Land's campaign to increase public awareness about the department's online services. Her "Skip the Trip! Save Time, Renew Online!" promotion, which was launched early last year, included listing the department's web address on branch kayaks not used for rental or office signs.

#### Hospice recognizes newest volunteers

Hospice Michigan's Gaylord team recently trained five new volunteers to assist hospice patients and their families in the Roscommon area.

The new volunteers include Judith Evanoff, Eb Wickes and Lonnie Cook, all Roscommon, as well as Gordie Martin of West Branch, and Ed Keezer of St. Helen.

Soul's Harbor Church in Roscommon donated the space for training.

"Hospice volunteers are absolutely vital in fulfilling Hospice of Michigan's mission to provide quality care for patients and families facing the end of life," said Ellie Specht, volunteer services manager for Hospice of Michigan.

"By sharing their time, energy, and compassion, our volunteers help the patients and families we serve to live life to the fullest."

The new volunteers will con-smoothly by assisting with clertribute in many ways. Some will help with patient care, transporting patients to appointments, and offering companionship to patients.

Others will help the office run

ical work. New volunteers are always welcome and can begin as young as 14 years old.

For more information, call Specht at (989) 732-2451 or 1-800-449-5560.

#### Local realtors honored

Grayling were recently honored by the Re/Max Real Estate System for outstanding sales and service in 2003. They received their awards at the Re/Max of Michigan Annual Regional Conference held February 12-14 in Traverse City.

Craig Hinkle was awarded the Platinum Club Award. In 2003, 67 Associates in the Re/Max of Michigan Region achieved this status. This award is based on sales production for the year.

Charlene Scheer, Gary Boyd and Tom Slavens were honored

Realtors with Re/Max of with the 100% Club Award. This award is based on sales production for the year. In 2003, 342 Associates affiliated with the Re/Max of Michigan Region qualified for this award.

"The number of award winners from Re/Max of Grayling is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our real estate agents," said Michel Metzner, Regional Director of Re/Max of Michigan. "Re/Max of Grayling is part of the reason why Re/Max agents are true leaders in the real estate industry in Michigan," added Metzner.

#### Instructor makes fourth Who's Who appearance

Kirtland psychology instructor, Jim Backlund, has been honored with his fourth appearance in Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

He will be featured in the eighth edition of the book of those who "made a difference" in the life of a former student. The only students invited to submit nominations are those who have distinguished themselves by being recognized in either Who's Who Among American High School Students or the National Dean's List.

Only five percent of the nation's teachers are honored in each edition of Who's Who, and fewer than two percent are included in more than one edition.

Backlund, of Gaylord, teaches psychology and sociology at Kirtland.

Recently, he was a featured presenter at a seminar in Chicago, speaking on semantic memory. He also, for the third time, served as a general textbook reviewer for a book entitled, Sexuality Now, by Jannell L. Carroll.



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# Frederic pre-schoolers visit pizzeria



Photo courtesy of NEMCSA Frederic Head Start

Students enrolled in the NEMCSA sponsored Frederic Head Start program recently went on a field trip to B.C. Pizza in Grayling, where they had the opportunity to make their own pizza and take a tour of the kitchen.

# Apply now for help pay heating bills

Low income families having difficulty paying for heat may be eligible for help through a program offered by the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. (NEMCSA).

According to Kathy Goddard, Client Services Director, additional funding, and an extended deadline for its use, has been approved.

"We are receiving an additional \$171,000 to help with deliverable fuel assistance," she said. "It will be distributed on a firstcome, first-served basis."

The money must be spent by September 30. Applications are being accepted and will continue to be until the money runs out or the September deadline is reached. The funds can only be used for deliverable fuels; LP gas, oil, and wood only.

Eligibility requirements that must be met to receive the fuel

assistance are:

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All applicants are pre-screened over the phone to determine possible eligibility and then are sent

by mail or fax an application along with a check sheet of documentation needed.

Residents in NEMCSA's 11county service area can apply for assistance. Those counties are Alcona, Alpena, Arenac. Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency. Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

For more information, call (989) 471-3277, ext. 4 or tollfree, 1-866-270-0687, ext. 4.

# Power company offers nelp with heating credit

Help with this winter's heating bills may be just a phone call - away! DTE Energy, parent company of Detroit Edison and MichCon, is helping low-income customers apply for the Home Heating Credit, a state tax credit that can help offset the costs of natural gas or electricity used to heat homes in the winter.

The Home Heating Credit is based on household income, the number of exemptions claimed and the home's actual heating

costs, Special exemptions may be available to customers 65 and older and to people with disabili-

Family Independence Agency (FIA) recipients and people who receive other public assistance also may be eligible for the Home Heating Credit if they owned or rented a home or apartment in 2003.

Customers are encouraged to call DTE Energy toll-free at (800) 477-4747 for assistance in

applying for the credit. Before calling, customers need to have "hybilable the social security numbers of their dependents. DTE Energy will help customers apply for the credit through Aug. 31. The deadline to file with the State of Michigan is Sept. 30.

DTE Energy offers a number of payment assistance programs to help customers manage their energy bills and avoid service shut-offs. The company can also help customers work with outside agencies that may provide bill payment help. Customers i having trouble paying their utility bills should call DTE Energy at (800) 477-4747.

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#### **OMH** childbirth educator earns new certification

Darla Edwards, childbirth and parent educator at Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH), has recently been awarded a new national certification Childbirth Educator.

To earn this certification, Edwards conducted an extensive literature review on the subject, submitted a comprehensive childbirth and parenting education course curriculum, provided a teaching presentation and completed a three-day training seminar, with successful completion of a written exam.

"We have a very strong parenting program here at OMH and we continuously strive to make it even better," said Edwards. "Through the Academy of Childbirth Educators, I will have access to a vast array of resources. I can interact and communicate with a huge network of childbirth educators nationwide."



Darla Edwards

and strategies used by experts across the country and this will allow us each to develop and provide the best programs possible," she continued. "I thoroughly enjoy teaching childbirth education classes. I find it very rewarding to work with expec-"We will share creative ideas tant parents and to play a small

part in one of the most significant events that takes place in their lives, the birth of their children."

Edwards and Linda Kaufmann, RN, work as a team to provide the variety of classes offered through the Parent Education Program at Otsego Memorial Hospital.

It will continue to be a quality and comprehensive program, including sessions on pre-natal care, Lamaze breathing techniques, medical concerns and care during pregnancy and infant care. In addition, breastfeeding, sibling preparation and infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes are offered.

For more information about the Parent Education Program at Otsego Memorial Hospital, contact Darla Edwards at (989) 731-2124.

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#### **RSVP** holds Community Advisory Group meeting

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Crawford and Roscommon Counties recently held their Community Advisory Group meeting at the AuSable River Center in Roscommon.

Participants included Diane Nielsen representing the health care sector, Catherine Pray representing the education sector, and Albert Schultz representing the environmental sector.

Nielsen presented an overview of the new volunteer training course at Grayling Mercy Hospital and the value of RSVP volunteers in the health care setting.

program activities and the annual Crawford and Roscommon recognition luncheon.

RSVP is sponsored by Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. (NEMCSA)

Also, RSVP staff reported on and is open to residents of Counties 55 years of age and older. For more information, call the RSVP office at (989) 275-

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# Preschoolers welcome spring with birdhouses



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Students enrolled at the Grayling Co-Op Preschool recently decorated birdhouses in spring colors as part of a class project. Grayling resident Don Denton donated the birdhouses to the children.

# Epilepsy drug may delay Alzheimer's progression

► UMHS to take part in national trial focusing on blocking 'tangles'

A medication that has been around for 40 years and is successfully used to treat epilepsy, migraines and bipolar disorder may provide new hope for the more than 4 million Americans with Alzheimer's disease.

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Health System (UMHS) is one of 30 institutions participating in a national study to determine if the medication valproate preserves functioning and delays the expected decline associated with Alzheimer's disease.

The \$10 million Valproate in Dementia or VALID study, led by the nationally renowned Alzheimer's research group at the University of Rochester Medical Center, will target 300 patients with mild to moderate Alzheimer's who are living at home and have not yet shown signs of agitation.

Alzheimer's patients experience personality changes with symptoms of agitation: easy to anger, low frustration level, and at its worst, physical aggression. The latter is one of the primary symptoms that prompt families to place loved ones in a skilled nursing facility.

Scientists will study whether patients who take valproate experience less agitation, as well as whether valproate will slow down the deterioration of memory and daily functioning that occurs as the disease progresses. And, according to Pierre Tariot, MD, project director at the University of Rochester, there's good reason to conduct this study.

"When we began to look at valproate in the laboratory, we were amazed to see that this simple drug blocked several key molecular events that we know are involved in the progression of Alzheimer's," Tariot said. "We are eager to learn whether these neuroprotective effects that valproate exhibited in the laboratory will also occur in Alzheimer's patients."

The VALID study is the first of its kind to study an agent that may have the potential to block "tangles," one of the hallmarks of Alzheimer's disease linked with memory loss and other symptoms of dementia.

Tangles are abnormal brain tissue structures formed by abnormal processing of a protein called tau. Normally, tau is crucial for intracellular functioning and structure, but in Alzheimer's patients, a stringy cluster of tau and phosphate molecules form, leading to dysfunction that impairs the cell's ability to communicate with neighboring cells. This eventually leads to cell death, contributing to the confusion, disorientation and forgetfulness associated with Alzheimer's.

Previously, researchers have studied the effects of valproate in Alzheimer's patients already showing signs of agitation, and have found that the medication did provide a beneficial effect for agitation in some patients.

"Until we have a cure for Alzheimer's, we are continually searching for ways to provide patients with prolonged autonomy so they can live their life to the fullest for as long as possible," said Nancy Barbas, MD, MSW, principal investigator at UMHS for the study and clinical assistant professor of Neurology at the U-M Medical School.

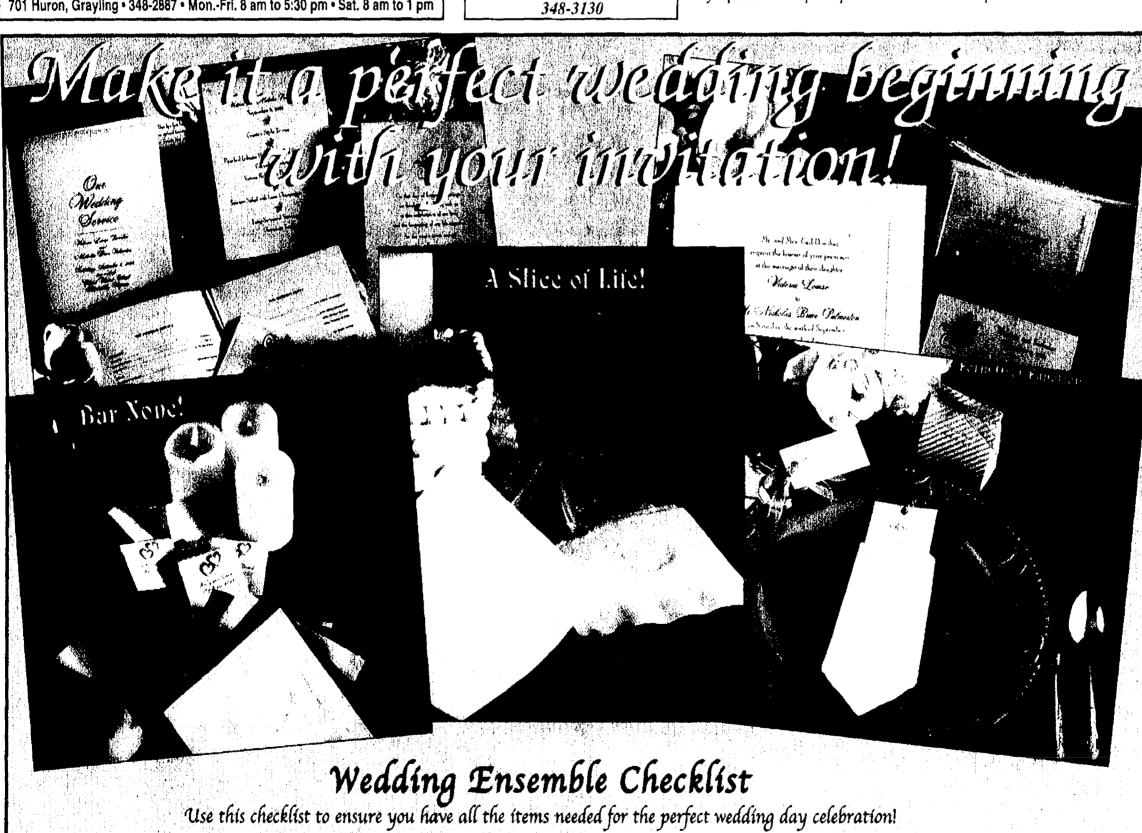
The VALID study will follow the 300 patients over two years; UMHS hopes to enroll 10 patients in the trial. While in the study, patients may continue standard treatment with other medications.

In addition to examining valproate's possible side effect on slowing progression of symptoms of the illness, researchers will also conduct two ancillary studies.

One study concerns a blood test that will investigate how Alzheimer's affects the manufacture of critical cell products, messenger RNA and protein. The other will use repeated MRI scans in a subset of 200 people to determine if valproate slows or alters the expected loss of whole brain volume in Alzheimer's.

VALID is funded primarily with a grant by the National Institutes of Health. In addition, Abbott Laboratories is donating valproate and the placebo medication, as well as the funds to finance the two ancillary stud-

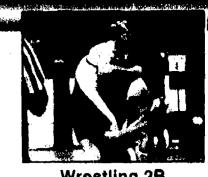
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# Play-off run ends with 2-point loss

Vikings advance to Regional Finals with 58-53 win over Tawas

#### GHS outscores Braves 8-2 down the stretch to win by five points

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team extended its post-season run with a 58-53 victory over the Tawas Braves in a Regional semi-final play-off game at Houghton Lake High School last Friday.

The Vikings qualified for Regionals by winning the District #63 tournament two weeks ago.

On Friday, the two play-off teams traded momentum in a back and forth first quarter. Grayling hit the first three baskets to lead 6-0, but Tawas surged and Grayling ended the first period with only a slight advantage, 15-13.

The Vikings had a strong second quarter, and at one point led by as many as 12 points. At half-time, Grayling led by nine, 35-

For GHS, Roy Czapek dominated the key and scored 18 of his game-high 22 points in the first half.

The Braves outscored Grayling 14-9 in the third quarter to cut Grayling's lead to four (44-40) going into the fourth period.

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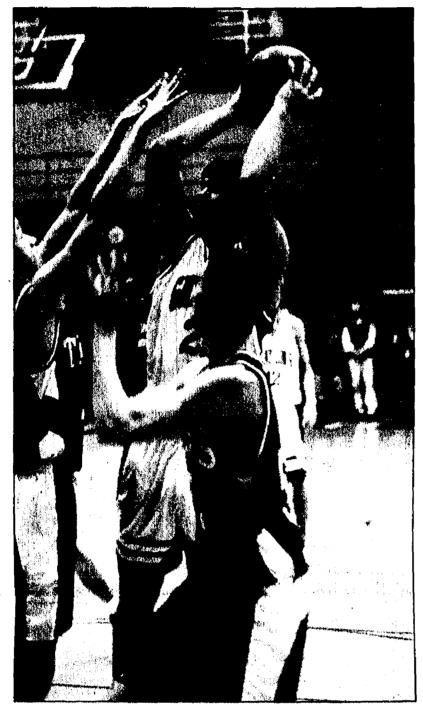


Photo by Caleb Casey

Roy Czapek shoots for Grayling from near the basket in last Friday's Regional game vs. Tawas. Czapek scored a game-high 22 points in the contest.

Grayling comes up one basket short in Regional title match-up

#### Ludington edges Vikings 54-52 to end Grayling's 2003-04 season

In a low-scoring game that was close all the way through, Grayling fell to the Ludington Orioles 54-52 in the Regional championship game at Houghton Lake High School on Saturday.

Offensively, neither team was able to get anything going early. Grayling led 2-0 until the 3:13 mark in the first quarter, when Ludington hit its first basket.

The Vikings led 12-8 after one quarter and had a 24-23 edge at halftime. Ludington led 36-31 late in the third quarter, but the Vikings scored six unanswered points in the last 1:15 of the period to lead by one going into the fourth quarter. The run included a triple by Bobby Starks, a put-back by Joe Lange, and a free throw by Gibson Tobin.

A jump shot by Josh Hinkle, the first basket of the fourth quarter, put GHS up by three. Ludington tied the score at 39-39 with a three-point play. Grayling went up by two with a jump shot by Tobin. Ludington tied the game with a shot inside. A jumper by Tobin gave Grayling a two-point edge.

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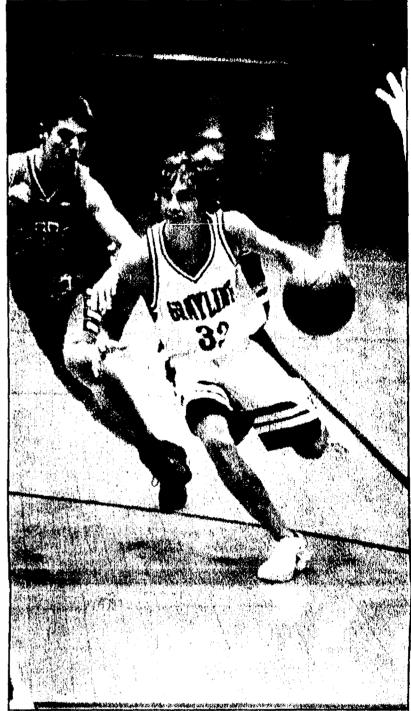


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Gibson Tobin handles the ball for GHS in Saturday's Regional championship game against the Ludington Orioles.

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# Four Grayling wrestlers place at State Finals

#### Pratt, Partello, and Wilson finish fifth, Babbitt takes seventh

All four Grayling High School wrestlers who qualified for the State Wrestling Finals earned a medal at the State Meet by placing in the top eight of their respective weight classes.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association State Wrestling Meet is the largest high school wrestling tournament in the United States. The event, held March 11-13 at the Palace of Auburn Hills this year, included 10,000 parents and fans, 300 schools, 800 coaches, and almost 900 wrestlers.

To qualify for the MHSAA State Finals, wrestlers had to place in the top four in the weight class at Districts and Regionals. A wrestling season includes four months of practices and meets all over the state of Michigan. Each wrestler generally competes in over 50 matches during a full season.

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This year, the Vikings had four state qualifiers: Joel Wilson (145), Dusty Partello (152), Darryl Babbitt (160), and Brandon Pratt (189). All four wrestlers earned medals at the State Finals.

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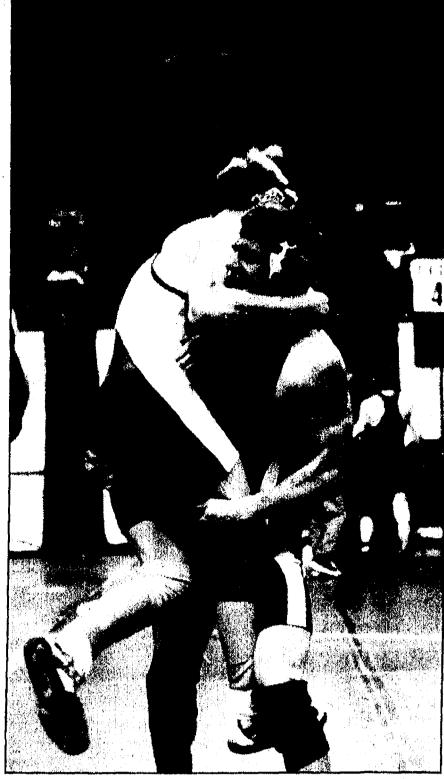
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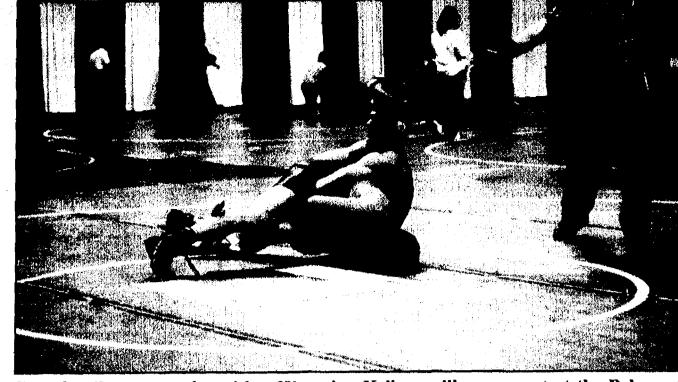
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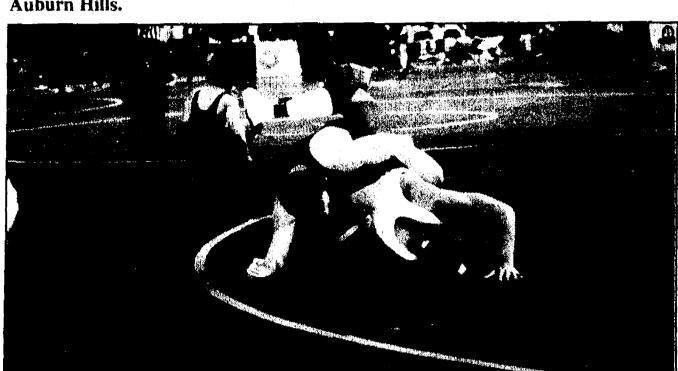
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# Four wrestlers place at State Finals

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Pratt won his first match with a 4-2 decision and won his second match by pin. He lost a 4-0 decision (to the eventual state champion) and a 4-2 decision in his next two contests. In his final 5th place in the 189-pound weight division (out of 15 state finalists).

Pratt, a senior, finished the 2003-2004 season with an overall record of 50-12.

Babbitt lost his first match by decision 8-3 to the eventual 2nd place finisher. He won his next bout by decision 10-1. Babbitt won his next match 5-1. He lost a close match 9-7, then won his last contest by pin to clinch a 7th place finish (out of 16 state final-

Babbitt, a senior, finished his 2003-2004 season with a 56-8 win/loss record.

(Babbitt's 56 wins set a new school record at GHS for most victories in a season. The previous mark was held by Matt

Partello won his first match by pin and lost his second bout by match, Pratt won by pin to secure pin. He won his third match by pin and his fourth contest by default. Partello lost an 8-2 decision, then won his last match by decision 5-2 to secure a 5th place... finish (out of 16 state finalists).

Partello, a senior, ended his 2003-2004 season with a record

Wilson lost his first match (to the eventual 2nd place finisher) by pin. He won his next three bouts, all by decision (7-3, 9-8, 6-1). He lost his fifth match in a 2-1 decision and finished with a 2-1 win by decision to clinch 5th place (out of 16).

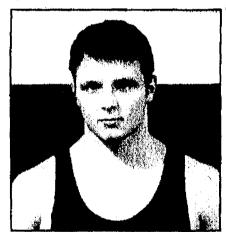
Wilson, a sophomore, ended his 2003-2004 season at 52-10.



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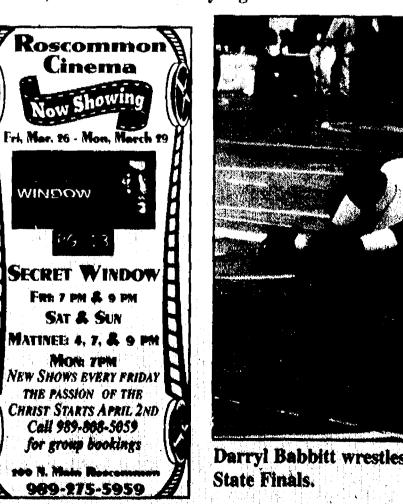
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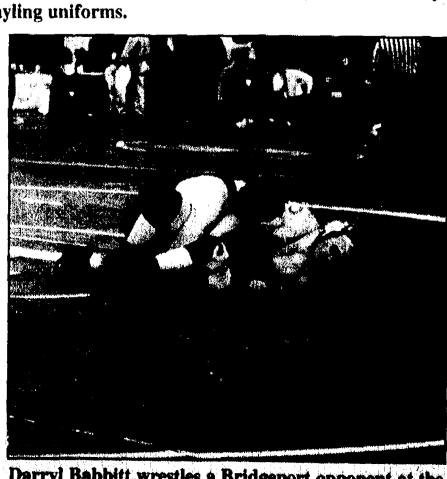
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Darryl Babbitt wrestles a Bridgeport opponent at the

# Four wrestlers place at State Finals



Darryl Babbitt goes for a pin against a Beaverton wrestler in the State Finals.

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Dusty Partello wrestles a Highland Park opponent at the MHSAA State Wrestling Finals.



Brandon Pratt goes up against a Caro wrestler at the State Finals.



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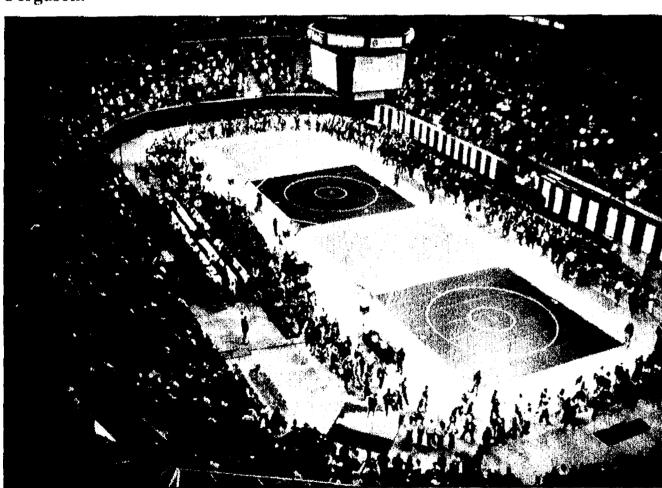
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GHS wrestling coaches gather with the team's four state finalists. (front, left to right) Dusty Partello, Brandon Pratt, Joel Wilson; (back, left to right) Coach Joe Ferrigan, Coach Mike Hopkins, Darryl Babbitt, Coach Bill Rosecrans, Coach Don Ferguson.



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Five Grayling High School wrestlers were Babbitt (160), and Brandon Pratt (189) - all state qualifiers (and state medalists) - were all named to (135) was named to the second team. Aaron

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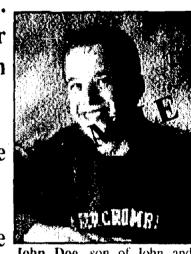
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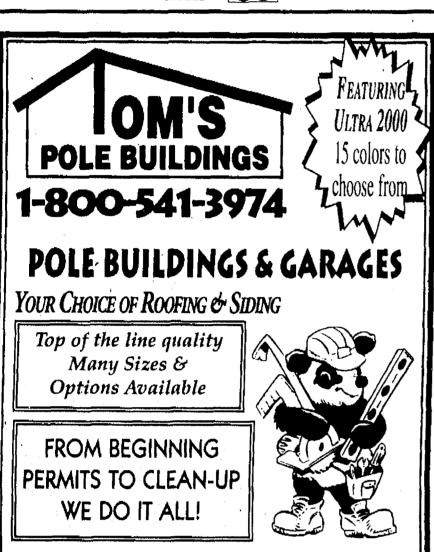
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# Vikings advance to Regional Finals with 58-53 win over Tawas

Continued from Page 1B points of the fourth quarter on a three-point play by Josh Hinkle. Tawas scored two on a put-back. A shot inside by Joe Lange put Grayling back up by seven. Tawas pulled back within five with a pair of free throws. A jump shot by Bobby Starks put GHS up by seven, 51-44, with

A 6-0 run by Tawas cut Grayling's lead to one, 51-50, with 2:57 left in regulation.

4:26 remaining.

A jumper by Gibson Tobin put GHS up by three. After both teams traded turnovers, Grayling came up with a deflection. Travis Helsel grabbed the loose ball and passed to Andy Strohpaul, who converted the fast break lay-up to put Grayling ahead by five.

Helsel rebounded a Tawas miss at the other end and was fouled. He hit one of two free throws to give Grayling a sixpoint advantage at the 1:13 mark.

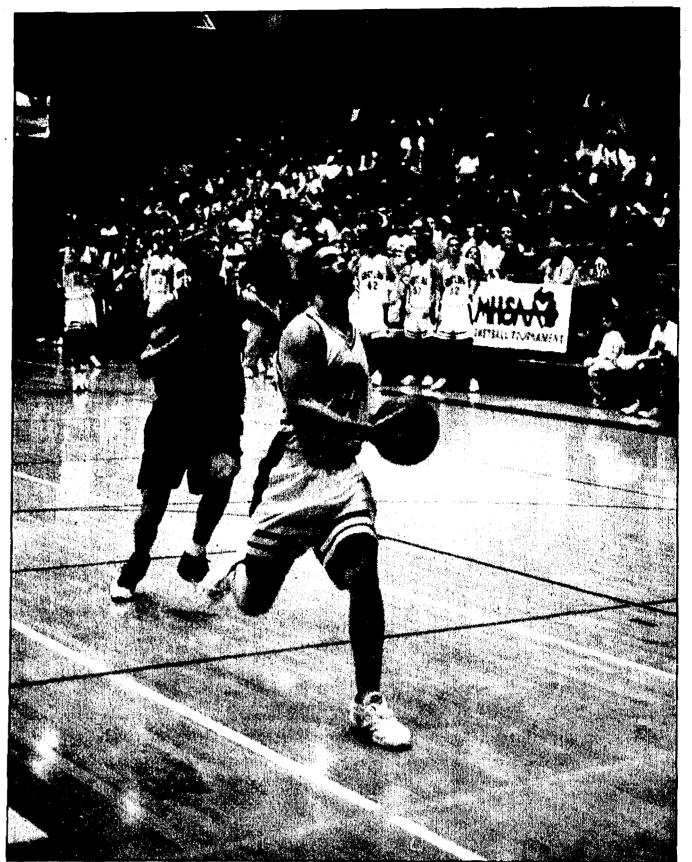
The two teams again traded travelling violations. Tawas, down by six, had possession with 58 seconds remaining.

The Braves drew a foul and hit one of two at the line to pull within five. Tawas stole the ball, tried for three, missed, rebounded, and lost the ball out of bounds.

Grayling got the ball in and Tawas fouled. The Vikings missed the free throw on the one and one chance and Tawas got the ball. The Braves tried for three, missed, and scored a putback to pull within three, 56-53, with 12 left to play.

Grayling got the ball in to Hinkle and Tawas fouled. Hinkle, shooting on a one and one opportunity, hit two free as the ball went out of bounds. throws to put Grayling up by five, 58-53.

Tawas shot from three-point range and missed. Time expired



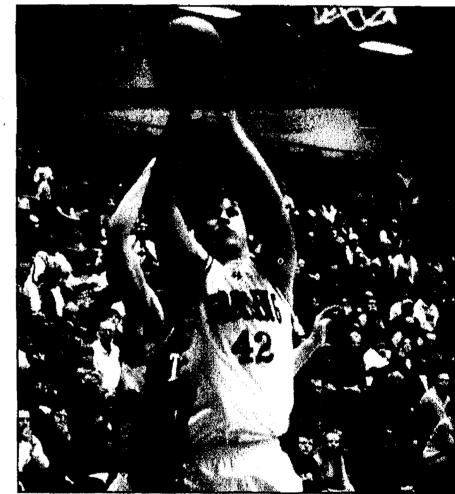
Andy Strohpaul gets free for a fast break lay-up in the Grayling vs. Tawas Regional match-up last week.

Grayling held on for the 58-53 victory and advanced to the Regional Finals (played on

"Our coaching staff was very pleased with our defensive effort tonight," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We limited Tawas' allstater Darby Decker to eight points. We disturbed Tawas' high octane offense and forced them into making mistakes."

"Roy and Joe were solid in the post and Hinkle hit some big free throws during crunch time. This was a great win for our commu-

nity," Coach Mosfit said. Czapek was the leading scorer for GHS with 22 points, Starks added 11. Leading rebounders were Czapek (9) and Tobin (8). On defense, Tobin had four steals and Helsel finished with three blocks and three steals.



Greg Morrill takes an inside shot for Grayling in the game against Tawas last Friday.

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Joe Zelek shoots a jump shot for the Vikings vs. Tawas.

# Grayling comes up one basket short in Regional title match-up

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Ludington hit a triple at the 4:46 mark to lead by one, 44-43.

A tip-in by Lange on an inbounds pass from Tobin put the Vikings up by one, 45-44. A jumper by Starks at the 3:51 mark extended Grayling's lead to three.

At the 2:04 mark, the Orioles scored a jumper to pull within one. A drive by Tobin put Grayling back up by three.

Ludington hit a triple at the 1:35 mark to tie the game at 49-49. The Orioles stole the ball and scored on a put-back to take a two-point lead.

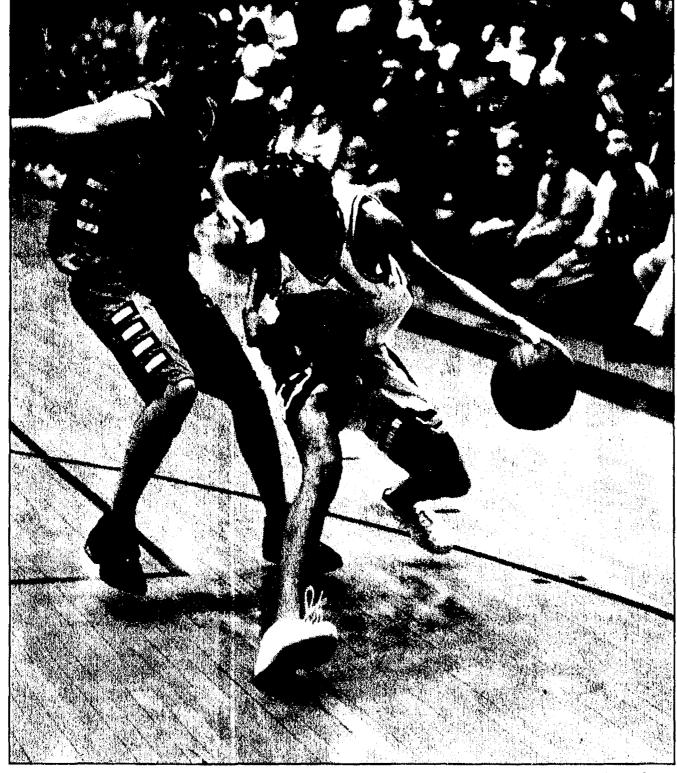
A put-back by Roy Czapek tied the score at 51-51 with 39 seconds left in the game.

Hinkle stole the ball and was fouled on a drive to the basket. He hit one of two free throws to give Grayling a one-point lead.

At the other end, Ludington drew a foul and hit both free throws. The Orioles led 53-52 with 19 seconds remaining.

Grayling tried for a two-point basket with a jump shot, missed, and Ludington came down with the rebound. The Vikings fouled. Ludington, at the free throw line with 1.8 seconds left in regulation, hit one of two free throws. Grayling wasn't able to get a decent shot off before time expired, and Ludington held on to win 54-52.

"Our defensive intensity was very good throughout the game. We forced 34 turnovers and disrupted a lot of Ludington's sets offensively," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We missed some big free throws (1 for 5 in the fourth quarter) and turned the ball over



Photos by Caleb Casey

#### Grayling guard Josh Hinkle controls the ball in the game against Ludington on Saturday at Houghton Lake High School.

down the stretch. We knew it was going to be a tough game and each possession would be extremely important."

Tobin was the scoring leader for Grayling with 17 points. team fought through a lot of Czapek added 11 and Lange fin- adversity this year. The kids ished with 10 points and a team- should be proud of their District high nine rebounds. On defense, championship and making it to Lange had seven blocked shots. the Sweet 16 (Regional Finals)," Starks finished with six steals and Tobin had five.

"Our community really supported these kids this year. It was great to see the wave of green 7B.

going nuts during the game. This Coach Moffit said. "Our seniors will be missed."

Note: For more photos from the Ludington game, see Page

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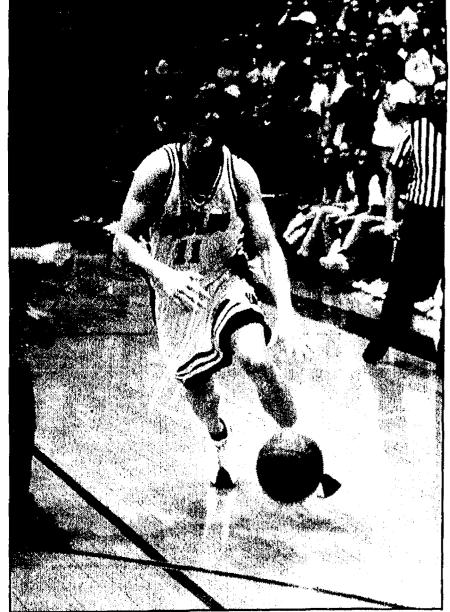
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Bobby Starks looks for an open teammate in Saturday's Regional championship game.

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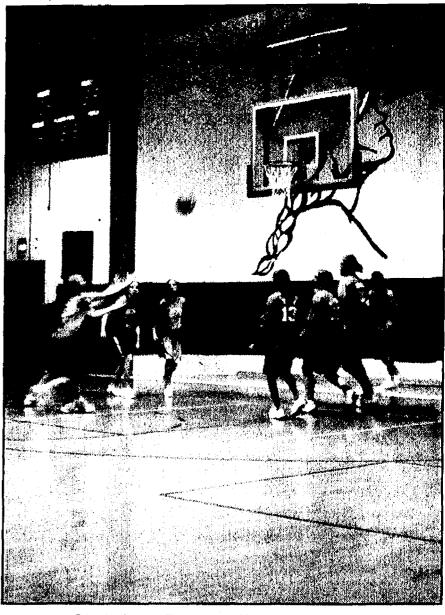
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4. Wake Forest (19-9)
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tisers listed on Lehigh (20-10) Play-in game Dayton, Ohio, Tuesday 7 p.m. ET, ESPN

Winner will be the 16th seed in the South region

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March 20 or 21

1. Duke (27-5) Ole Dam Party Store

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Showtyme Collision 1. Stanford (29-1)
Grayling Restaurant

3. Texas (23-7)

Davis Jeweler

8. Alabama (17-12)

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16. Tex.-San Ant. (19-13) WHd Card 8. Alabama (17-12) Alabama (17-12 **Comfort Center** 9. Southern Illinois (25-4) Wild Card 5. Syracuse (21-7) Syracuse (21-7) **Grayling Country Club** 

5. Syracuse (21-7) Grayling Country 12. BYU (21-8) Grayling Big Boy 4. Maryland (19-11) **Hart Pontiac GMC Buick** 3. Texas-El-Paso (24-7) **Phoenix** lubois Lumber & Rental March 25 & March 27 6. Vanderbilt (21-9) Scheer Motors

11. Western Mich. (26-4) Wild Card 3. N. Carolina St. (20-9)

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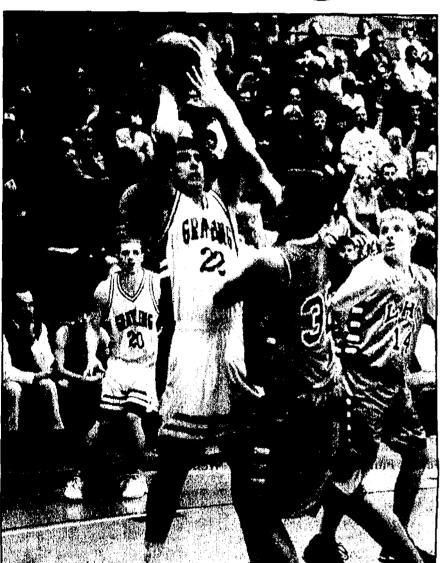
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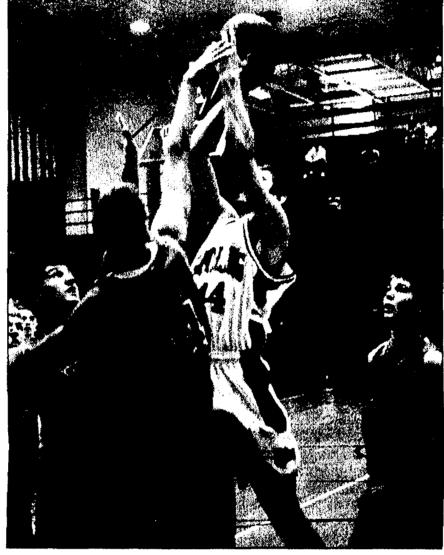
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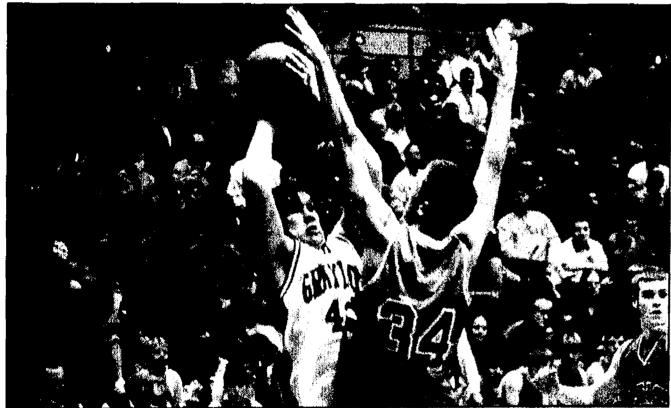
Viking fans and cheerleaders root for Grayling late in the game on Saturday at Houghton Lake.

# Grayling comes up one basket short in Regional title match-up





Roy Czapek (left) and Joe Lange (right) shoot for Grayling from near the basket in Saturday's Regional championship game against the Ludington Orioles. Ludington won the game by two, 54-52.



Greg Morrill goes up for a shot against Ludington on Saturday.

#### LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CRAWFORD COUNTY **CIRCUIT COURT -FAMILY DIVISION** NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING** 

File No. 04-6775-NC In the matter of Dragush Douglas

NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. in the courtroom, Grayling, Michigan before Judge Tom G. Hunter.

TO HEAR A PETITION TO CHANGE NAME FROM: DRAGUSH DOUGLAS ALIKO TO: DRAGUSH DOUGLAS FERI.

March 21, 2004 Dragush Douglas Aliko 6843 West 72 Grayling, MI 49738 989-348-7681

#### **Notice Of** Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gerald J. Maher and Linda M.

Maher, husband and wife, of 47322 Atwater, Chesterfield, Michigan 48047 to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GAY-LORD, of 501 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated August 6, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and the State of Michigan, on, August 23, 2001 in Liber 0550 Pages 291 through 299, Crawford County Records, and which, here is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$91,063.13

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 12th day of May, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of

its interest in the premises.

Michigan, described as follows:

That part of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, LYING NORTH of the East Branch of the AuSable River. SUBJECT TO an easement for road purposes 20 feet wide granted across the North end of said premises.

All that part of the E 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 28, T27N, R3W, Lying North of the Middle line of the East Branch of the AuSable River, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale. March 16, 2004

**BODMAN, LONGLEY & DAHLING** 

Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430) Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord 229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405 Cheboygan, MI 49721 (231) 627-4351

**Notice Of** Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

-25-1-8-15-22

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bradley Raymond and Amy Raymond, for the purpose of subordinating all rights and interest including dower/homestead rights, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to American Home Loans, Mortgagee, dated December 14, 2001, and recorded on December 28, 2001 in Liber 565 on Page 77, in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Flagstar Bank, FSB, as assignee by an assignment dated October 15, 2003, which was recorded on March 2, 2004, in Liber 666 on Page 618 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Pive Thousand Fifty One Hundred Ninety Three and 16/100 (\$95,193.16), including

interest at 8.750% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

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made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 21,

> Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 18, Pinehurst Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 2, 3 and 4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 18, 2004 For more information, please call: Team W (248) 593-1312 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 200327688 Team W

-18-25-1-8

#### CITY OF GRAYLING NOTICE

The Grayling City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing on Monday, March 29, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Boulevard to receive public input regarding the proposed Sign Ordinance. A copy of this ordinance is available at the Grayling City Hall at 1020 City Boulevard between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or on our website: ofgrayling.org.

Michele A. Moshier City Clerk

THE CITY OF GRAYLING IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND PROVIDER

#### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting March 10, 2004

Members present: Dale Prench, Lacey Stephan III, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright Members Absent: Ruth O'Mara Others Present: Phyllis Huffman Supervisor Wright called the meeting to

order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance 1. Motion by Ashton, second by Stephan, to approve the minutes of Pebruary 11, 2004 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report for January 2004 was distributed and placed on file.

3. Correspondence: (No action) Crawford AuSable School District Bd. Briefs/Feb 04, Grayling Township Recycling Report for February 04, D.N.R. Steve Sutton, Natural Rivers regarding B&B's and guest houses N.R.D. zone.

4. Motion by Ashton, second by Stephan to authorize \$1000.00 in the 2004-05 General Fund Budget as matching funds for Lake Margrethe Eurasian Milfoil Management Program Grant. Ayes; four, Nayes; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

5. Motion by French, second by Ashton, to authorize \$200.00 n the 2004-05 General Fund Budget as matching funds for the Crawford County Scrap Tire Cleanup Project Grant. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Stephan, second by French, to resolve the following:

Resolution to enter into agreement with MDOT for M-72 Streetscape Program

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Grayling Township shall enter into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the purposes of constructing a streetscape on M-72 between Old Lake Road and M-93,

AND that Grayling Township will provide \$42,460 from its genera fund as its portion of the projected costs,

AND that Terry R. Wright, the Grayling Township Clerk, are authorized to sign the contract MDOT on behalf of the township.

Ayes; French, Stephan, Ashton, Wright. Nays; None. Absent; O'Mara, Motion carried.

7. Motion by French, second by Ashton, to increase the membership of the Grayling Township Board of Review from three to four members beginning in 2005. Ayes; four, Nays; none. Absent; one. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Stephan, second by French, to adopt 2004 poverty exemption guidelines per Federal schedule. (See attachment "A") Ayes; four, Nays; none. Absent; one. Motion carried.

9. Subsequent to discussion the Board instructed the Supervisor to recommend Clough's Highland Acres and the S curves on Ole Dam Road as candidates for road repairs funded under the Crawford County Road Commission 2004 allocation for Grayling Township.

10. Motion by Ashton, second by Stephan, to table the whether the question of restoration for the townships fixed operating millage to 1.0 mil should be placed on August 2004 ballot. Ayes; four, Nayes; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

11. Motion by French, second by Ashton, to accept the bid of Sandra Riddle for Township Hall janitorial services and enter into a six month contract at \$69.00 per week, renewable upon review by the Supervisor. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

12. Motion by Ashton, second by French, to authorize Supervisor to attend Recycling Legislative Seminar on March 23, 2004 in Lansing. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

13. Motion by French, second by Stephan, to authorize Clerk to attend accounting software training in Mt. Pleasant May 12-14, 2004. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

14. Motion by Stephan, second by French, to authorize payment of claims on vouchers 2068, 2093-2126, Guardian Dental \$552.71, Board & Comm. fccs for Feb., \$552.71, Liquor Inspections \$90.00 for a grand total of \$35,371.28. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion

15. Motion by French, second by Ashton, to adjourn, carried. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C. Grayling Township Clerk

#### **Notice Of** Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT: ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Raymond Pyle, a married man, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), dated June 10, 1999 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and the State of Michigan on July 7, 1999 in Liber 485. Page(s) 327, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, and interest, the sum of \$87,902.87, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of

sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on April 28, 2004 at 10 a.m. on the steps of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 7.50 percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-

PARCEL 3: Being a part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 20, T25N R3W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan Described as: Commencing at the N 1/4 corner of said Section 20; thence S1° 42'W along the N&S 1/4 line, 590.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence S 1° 42' W 300 feet; thence N 89° 30' 35" W, 375.08 feet; thence Northwesterly, 326.34 feet along the arc of a 0° 30'24" curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 11,309.16 feet and a long chord bearing of N 22° 42' 42" W, 326.33 feet; thence S 89° 30° 35" E, 510.02 feet to the point of beginning

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Green Treen Servicing LLC (F/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing

Donald A Brandt (P30183) Attorneys for Mortgagee 1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817 Traverse City, MI 49696-5817 (231) 941-9660 Dated: March 9, 2004

-18-25-1-8-15

#### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PUR-POSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William L. O'Brien, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 21, 1998, and recorded on September 3, 1998 in Liber 462 on Page 195, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Nine And 12/100 Dollars (\$116,889.12), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 28, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, North Park Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded at Liber 01 of Plats, Page 64, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 25, 2004 For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation 30400 Telegraph Rd Stc 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-

File #018245F01

-25-1-8-15 **Notice Of** Mortgage

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Foreclosure Sale

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jerry E Horton, a married person and Audra R Horton, a married person, original mortgagor(s), to Cendant Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2000, and recorded on August 10, 2000 in Liber 514 on Page 406, in

Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five And 71/100 Dollars (\$111,455.71), including interest at 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 14, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 0 degrees, 40 minutes West (along the section line), 333.85 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 0 degrees, 40 minutes West, 266.15 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West, 550 feet; thence South 0 degrees, 40 minutes, West, 119.28 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West, 767.58 feet; thence North 0 degrees, 38 minutes, 10 seconds East, 385.43 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East,

1317.77 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel C: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 0 degrees, 40 minutes, West (along the section line), 600 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 0 degrees, 40 minutes, West 403.06 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West, 1317.42 feet; thence North 0 degrees, 38 minutes, 10 seconds East, 283.78 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 767.58 feet; thence North 0 degrees, 40 minutes, East 119.28 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel E: Part of the Southeast 1/4 -Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West (along the East and West 1/4 line), 329.31 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West 329.31 feet; thence North 0 degrees, 40 minutes, East, 332 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 50 minutes East, 332 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 329.31 feet; theree South 0 degrees, 40 minutes. West 332 feet to the 17 point of beginning.

Parcel F: Part of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West (along the East and West 1/4 line) 658.62 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West, 329.31 feet; thence North 0 degrees, 40 minutes, East, 332 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 329.31 feet; thence South 0 degrees, 40 minutes, West, 332 feet to the point of

Parcel G: Part of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; the point of beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence North 0 degrees, 38 minutes, 10 seconds East, (along the 1/8 line) 332 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 329.49 feet; thence South 0 degrees, 40 minutes, West 332 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds West, 329.31 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale,

Dated: March 11, 2004 For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1313

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Cendant Mortgage

Corporation 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-

File #016554F01

-11-18-25-1 **Notice Of** Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has

been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Bisel, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New

Jersey Corporation, Mortgages, dated November 15, 2002, and recorded on November 21, 2002 in Liber 608 on Page 478, in Crawford county records. Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Twelve And 82/100 Dollars (\$46,212.82), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 7, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, lying South M-72, Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 4, 2004 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #010666F01

-4-11-18-25 STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING

AND NOTICE OF ACTION 200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE **GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738** 989-348-5588

Case No. 04-6295-CH Ronald McClain David R. Sabin P19822 Attorney for Plaintiff 115 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 989 348-5588

Lewis Sykes 16159 Sorrento Detroit, MI 48236 TO: Lewis Sykes IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title to the following real estate. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 29,2004. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

The property which is the subject of the instant litigation is described as fol-

Land South Branch, Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: PARCEL 1: Part of the South 1/2 Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 28; thence North 89 degrees 18' West, (along the East and West 1/4 line), 1646 feet to the P.O.B; thence continuing North 89 degrees 18' West, 329.20 feet; thence North 0 degrees 04'07" East, 1329.24 feet to the North 1/8 line; thence South 89 degrees 21'20" East (along the North 1/8 line), 328.92 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03'26" West, 1329.56 feet to the P.O.B. Also subject to and use of a 66 foot road and utility easement as recorded in Liber 170, Pages 120 and 121, Crawford

County Records. Date: March 3, 2004 Honorable Judge Alton T. Davis

#### **Notice Of** Foreclosure Sale

-18-25-1

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jenny J. Lanvers, a single woman, of 11336 Pebble Drive, Roscommon, Michigan 48653-7636 to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GAY-LORD, of 501 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated May 13, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on May 29, 2003, in Liber 636 Pages 407 through 417, Crawford County Records, and which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$37,994.39.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 14\* day of April, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m., the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of

Michigan, described as follows: Lot 10, WILLIAMS WILDERNESS, according to the plat thereof, as recorded

in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 32, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

February 27, 2004 **BODMAN, LONGLEY & DAHLING** 

Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430) Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord 229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405 Cheboygan, MI 49721 (231) 627-4351 -4-11-18-25-1

#### **Notice Of** Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dennis M. Bausman and Vicki L. Bausman, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Commonpoint Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated the 16th day of September, 1997 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 26th day of September, 1997 in Liber 438 of Crawford County Records, page 553, said Mortgage having been assigned to The Bank of New York, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 30, 1997, Series 1997-D, said assignment dated the 8th day of March, 2000 and recorded in Liber 504, Page 255, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Four & 07/100 (\$101,964.07), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage. and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of April, 2004 at 10:00 ofclock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.2500% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Sate of Michigan, and described as follows:

Being Lot 69, and part of Lot's 60, 61 and 62 of the recorded plat of River Forest, being part of the Southwest 1/4, of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 21, part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, and part of the North 1/2 of Section 29, all in Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 69 for a point of beginning; thence North 33 degrees 46 minutes West 167.00 feet; thence North 24 degrees 09 minutes West 82.2 feet; thence North 50 degrees 18 minutes East 200.00 feet; thence North 60 degrees 11 minutes East 100.00 feet; thence South 17 degrees 15 minutes East 37.6 feet; thence South 32 degrees 40 minutes East 204.74 feet; thence South 43 degrees 28 minutes West 60.2 feet; thence 190.5 feet along the Arc of a 9 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds curve to the right, the long chord of which bears South 52 degrees 29 minutes 30 seconds West 189.71 feet; thence South 61 degrees 31 minutes West 50.0 feet to the point of beginning,

1839 Dewitt Trail

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the propcity may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Dated: 2/26/04 The Bank of New

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Jonathan L. Engman (P56364) Attorney for The Bank of New York

888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470 Troy, MI 48084 248-362-2600 -26-4-11-18-25

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PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elizabeth A. Leasure and Craig Leasure, husband and wife, to Residential Mortgage Corporation (IMC), a Florida Corporation, mortgagee, dated September 25, 1998 and recorded October 15, 1998 in Liber 465, Page 451, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation -Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-BC1 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$44,996.00) including interest at the rate

of 11.39% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 7, 2004.

The premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot No. 8 and South half (1/2) of Lot No. 9 Jonawssen Subdivision, Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA \$600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: March 4, 2004 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC

Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation - Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-BC1, As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 231.3509

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Schreiber and Yvonne M. Schreiber, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 1995, and recorded on May 10, 1995 in Liber 393 on Page 518, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Fifty And 88/100 Dollars (\$54,050.88), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 14, 2004. Said premises are situated in Township

of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; Commencing at the North 1/4 quarter of Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence South 0 degrees 54 minutes West along the North-South 1/4 line 716.90 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes West 533.0 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 56 minutes West 250 feet; thence South 0 degrees 54 minutes West 325.79 feet, thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes East 250 feet, thence North 0 degrees 54 minutes East 325.06 feet to the point of beginning. Together with a 35 foot easement along the northerly side thereof. The redemption period shall be 6

months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

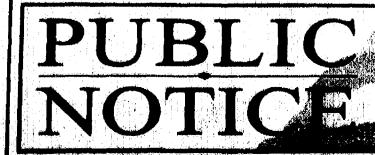
Dated: March 11, 2004 For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank, successor by merger and/or name change to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

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Notices in Newspapers. Your Door.



# FATURES

#### A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

#### 23 Years Ago March 26, 1981

Mark Hubbard, Robert Doty and Terry Sorenson represented Grayling in the Junior Olympics for Judo in state elimination held in Jackson on March 15th. Hubbard place first in the 10, 11 and 12 year old division. Doty placed first in the 16, 17 and 18 year old division. Sorenson placed fourth.

An additional 43 CETA-funded Crawford County public service employees will be without jobs March 31. According to the Crawford County CETA office 17 area employers will lose workers and work projects. Affected Title IID employers include: Dept. of Social Services, Sheriff's Dept., Grayling McNamara Airport, Crawford County Public Transit, City Police, Chamber of Commerce, Lovells Twp., Beaver Creek Twp., South Branch Twp., Youth Service Bureau, Sibs for Kids, Senior Citizen's Center. Projects affected are: Camp Grayling, Senior Citizen's Center, Crawford AuSable Schools, Crawford-AuSable Day Care and North Higgins State Park.

GHS Viking seniors John Junttila, Billy Roach and junior Brad Trenary on the school's conference winning basketball team earned first team honors on the Michigan Huron Shores Conference All-Star squad.

The Grayling House Saints remain tied for first in the Lewiston Independent Basketball League with an easy 114 to 78 victory over Lewiston State Bank. Grayling was led by Gerry St. Germain with 26 and Mike Kucharek with 18. Dale Papendick and Bruce Burkett had 16 apiece and Jim Tobin contributed 13. Mike Christman and Jon Thompson had 11 and Butch Hayes added 5. St. Germain and Tobin both added 12 assists.

Two couples employed by Weyerhaeuser Lumber in Washington spent several days in Grayling last weekend looking over the community.

March 12th was the date of the fourth annual "Grayling Day" in the Lakeland, Florida area. **Approximately** forty Graylingites, former Graylingites, spouses and friends of Graylingites met at "Trails," the Bob Funcks' winter home in Pleasant Ridge for a noon potluck. Grayling "snowbirds" spending the winter in the Lakeland area came from as far as Panama City, Bill and Pauline Tufts.

#### 46 Years Ago March 27, 1958

A meeting on pollution of one of the county's largest attractions the AuSable River, was held on March 18th at the Grayling Township Hall. A quart jar containing water dipped from the river in front of the Clare Madsen

home, which is two miles by river from Grayling, was exhibited to the assembly. It proved to be about one-half motor oil. Mr. Madsen said this was the condition of the water near his home in the wintertime. It was not apparently so noticeable during the summer. It was concluded that this oil must be getting directly into a storm sewer somewhere in town.

Wharff's Dinner Bell Inn on US 27 north across form the airport entrance will open again on April 1st. Same hours, same food service and same good coffee.

Spring suits and coats 1/3 off at the Pink Lady, see our spring hat

The Bunco club met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Henry Stephan. Mrs. Walter SanCartier was high scorer, Mrs. Dan Owens, second and Mrs. Byron Randolph, low. The club will meet next on April 10th at Mrs. Jack Rasmussen.

The bow and arrow fishing season for rough fish gets under way on non-trout waters in the lower peninsula on April 1 and continues through May 31. Hunter-anglers will try their shafts against carp, suckers, redhorse, mullet, dogfish and garpike.

#### 69 Years Ago March 28, 1935

The American Legion Bugle and Drum Corps met Monday evening at the High School gym for drilling and had a real work out. The boys are now realizing that it means work to get a corps in shape to play on the streets of any city so that people will be

**Chocolate Pecan Pie** 

satisfied.

Mrs. Alfred Hanson, a former linotype operator at the Avalanche office, is kindly helping out this week owing to the absence of Edward Wayotte, who is sick with a cold.

The walls of the school gymnasium are lined with reproductions of rare old paintings - 146 to be exact. The art exhibit which opened last Tuesday will be held during the week only, and may be seen upon paying a small admittance fee of 10¢.

#### 92 Years Ago

#### March 28, 1912

George F. Owens defeated E.S. Houghton for Lovells Township nomination for supervisor by two

George H. Leonard, having decided to leave Grayling, has sold all his property in town. John Morrissey of the North Side has purchased the property for which he paid \$400 cash.

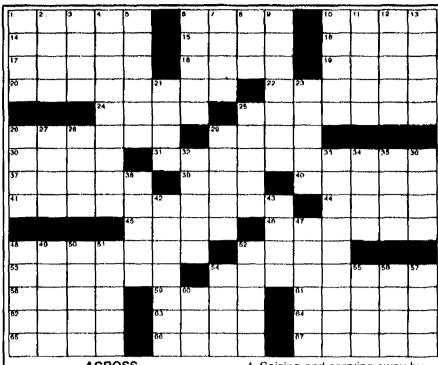
Lietz Bros. moved into their new building last week and now have one of the best arranged taifor shops in this section.

Miss Gladys Peck is the new compositor in the Avalanche office.

About 40,000 trout will be planted here in the main stream of the AuSable next week.

Leoni W. Colter was arrested last week on complaint of Floyd Taylor for overloading and driving his horse. The case was tried in justice court before six jury men, who found him guilty and recommended suspended sentence.

#### CROSSWOR



**ACROSS** 

 Something wagered in a game. British slang for kids. Opening; breach.

14. The sharp edge formed by the meeting of two surfaces. 15. Surface included within a set of lines.

16. Less marked rising and falling of an inland body of water. 17. Female servants.

Cloth made of wool and fur. 19. Acronym for Institute of Biomedical Sciences. 20. Comes out from a source 22. Vivacious cleverness. 24. Affirmative votes. Heats again.

26. Passage. 29. Dishes available at a restaurant. 30. Roman numeral for 13. 31. Rises above the limits of. 37. Contour feather of a bird. 39. Before.

40. Whip used for flogging. 41. Predicted better than someone else. 44. Jeff \_, composer of film and TV

scores 45. Ancient city of Palestine. 46. To arouse from sleep. 48. Individuals who carry something as a body covering. 52. To fall in drops.

53. To unfold. 54. Minute depression. 58. \_ Edelman, Stan Zbornak on The Golden Girls. 59. Acronym for

Interessengemeinschaft Eitensheimer Eltern eV. 61. Prosperous peasant farmer in 19th-century Russia. 62. Spanish for "love." 63, Goud \_ faciendum, Latin for .

which was to be done." Kovacs, TV comedian. 65. Abbreviation for the National Aeronautics & Space Administration. 66. People who spend much time idly in specified places. 67. Sells.

#### DOWN

 Being one without change. 2. Boxlike wagon running on rails. 3. Striking solo performance.

4. Seizing and carrying away by unlawful force. 5. Makes an often tentative effort to

perform. 6. Places to keep articles. 7. Metal-bearing rocks or minerals. 8. Old-style abbreviation for

Delaware. 9. Smooth, lustrous fabrics usually made of cotton in satin weave.

10. Short plant stalk. 11. Constellation between Virgo and Scorpion. 12. To concede as true.

Epidemic diseases associated with high mortality. 21. Acronym for Trans Europe

Express Translations.

23. To clear away a corn husk. Zellweger, Roxie Hart in the movie Chicago. Short for exposition.

27. In \_ of; in place of. 28. Contraction of "am not." Tract of soft wetland. 32. Rhythmic silences in music. 33. To delight beyond measure.

34. Interior angle formed by two meeting walls. 35. Ridge of sand piled up by the wind.

36. ... Lee, creator of Spider-man. 38. Tool having a helical shaft used for boring holes. 42. Nearer the beginning of a

process. 43. To embroider by filling in with long running or interlacing stitches. 47. Morally bad. 48. City of east-central China on the

Yangtze River. 49. Injection of liquid into the intestine by way of the anus.

50. Round, thick, tightly curled hairstyles. 51. Pityrlasis Pilaris, a skin disor-

52. Compositions for two performers 54. Annoying person. 55. Bone on the little-finger side of

the human forearm. 56. Bar extending from one post to another and serving as a barrier. 57. Gets with great difficulty. 60. Acronym for the Equal Rights Admendment.

# OF THE WEEK

Find the butterfly.

RECIPE

#### 11/2 cups pecan halves

- Tbsp (1/2 stick) butter
- oz. chocolate chips 3 eggs
- cup Molasses 1/3
- cup light corn syrup 2/3 Tbsp. sugar
- tsp. vanilla
- tsp. salt 1/4

Ready-made pie crust, such as 45-50 minutes. Cool and serve with chocolate cookie

In 350°F oven, toast pecans on

baking sheet for 4 minutes. Remove. Raise temp. to 375°F. In small pan overslow heat, stir butter "and chocolate until melted, about 1 ने व ाद्या विकास १० विकास minute. In mixing bowl, lightly beat eggs. Blend in molasses, corn syrup, sugar, vanilla and salt. Stir in chocolate mixture and then pecans. Spoon mixture piecrust and bake until filling is set,

whipped cream or ice cream.

#### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

# Adopt a Pet

Bingo is about 1 year old. He is a handsome tri colored Beagle. Bingo is always happy and is very friendly. He is neutered, heartworm tested and has all of his vaccinations. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.ascc.petfinder.com

There are still enough months remaining in the year to warrant buying a 2004 Pet Calendars for a donation of only \$5 each! The calendar is colorful and has the right sized date squares to log all of your important dates. We think the calendar will make a great affordable gift for anyone of any age. Also, we still have about 20 Creature Comfort Cookbooks. Buy one for a donation of only \$15. Stop by the Avalanche or the Shelter to purchase one (or both) of these great fund-raiser items. Cookbooks are also available at Riverland Gear and the Medicine Shoppe in Grayling. All proceeds go to the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72/East) in Grayling Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

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#### Your generosity is outstanding. You will soon be rewarded in ways you never thought possible. An investment pays off.

Start Here



A new talent emerges. Try to develop it further. Your boss makes a request; don't say yes unless you're confident you can



July 22

For the Week of March 25, 2004

DID YOU KNOW

Horses cannot

A relative is out of control with their spending. Do what you can to help, but keep in mind that you are not an accountant or a bank.



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Your life will

soon be full of joy

your feelings and

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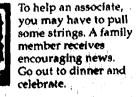
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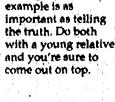
Putting off a home improvement project is going to get you nowhere. You need to buckle down and get tarted right away.



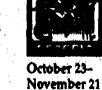


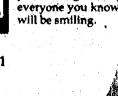


August 22



Setting a good





#### is causing you some distress. Think positive, try to rest more and the problem just may resolve

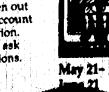
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#### EATHER Courtesy of the City of Grayling **Extended Forecast** (Courtesy of the Weather.com) 1774 whit 1771 47 37 33 3/22 24

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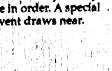
A mix-up occurs at

the office and you're left to straighten out the mess. An account needs clarification. Make sure you ask the right questions.

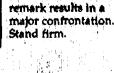




A friend needs to learn how to relax. A day at the lake or the beach with you may be in order. A special event draws near.



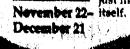




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3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 2 1/2 acres, 2 car garage, storage shed, nice big yard, perfect up north retreat, 7 miles from Grayling. \$75,000 (989) 344-7669 1-800-848-1268 (1/8/04/tf/1)

1. Real Estate

**HUGE 5 BEDROOM HOME** on 4.45 acres. +/- 5000 square foot home. Full walkout basement, tried deck built in 1996. Only \$199,900 MLS#104329. Call Sandy Job at ERA HoughtonHiggins.com,Inc. for more information 989-821-6801 e-mail me sandyjob@era.com (-18-25/1)

FIVE BEDROOM Completely remodeled 1,800 sq. ft. 210 Mikado St. Two baths all new, roof, siding, windows, doors, drywall, kitchen, baths, plumbing, electric, 90 percent efficient furnace, carpet, floor covering, interior doors, cabinets, finished back porch, extra lot. Priced to sell at \$123,000. Call owner (989) 348-4716. (1/15/04tf/1)

1. Real Estate

BUILT CUSTOM HOME on 2.25 acres, ranch, three bedroom, two bath, 28 x 28 garage, custom oak cabinets throughout, oak flooring, ceramic, cathedral ceiling, Anderson windows, close to holy waters of AuSable River, must see for \$140,000. 348-5372. LR6/17/04/1)

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**BUILD YOUR DREAMS** within one mile of city limits, 1.1 acre parcels, \$750 down, 125.86 month payment, call 348-1482. (-18-25-1-8/1)

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE Three bedroom ranch, full basement partially finished, carport, 24 x 30 deck, great neighborhood, 1.5 miles from town, close to all schools. \$64,999. (989) 348-9703 (1/8/04tf/1)

CAMP IN YOUR POLE barn. 10 acres, heavily wooded, paved road, walk to AuSable. Lovells area, \$49,900. 344-8032. (-4-11-18-25-1-8/1)

IT'S SPRING HOME improvement time at Great Lakes Mortgage, \$200 off any mortgage loan closed before June 1, 2004. Call (989) 348-7500 or stop by 501 N. James Street in Grayling. (-18-25-1/1)

MANY NORTHERN MICHI-GAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

1. Real Estate

Cozy, solid and clean, 2 bed- Situated on 5 acres this

NEW NEW NEW JJ's Auto Glass, a division of JJ's Motor Mall. Complete auto glass service. Deductibles waived up to \$125, stone chips fixed, windshield repair and replacement, stop in for a free estimate. JJ's Auto Glass, across from Skip's, M-72 West, (989) 348-7710. (-

#### 2. For Rent

25/1)

STUDIO APARTMENT for rent in downtown Grayling. Recently remodeled. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Coin operated washer and dryer in basement for tenant use. Non-smoking. No pets. Must see to appreciate. \$350 per month, \$325 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Call 989-348-7143. (-

1. Real Estate

3/25/04tf/2)

CABINS AND MOBILE HOMES at Lost Acres, one bedroom cabins for rent for \$375, including all utilities, plus \$200 security. (2) Two bedroom mobile homes, older, clean, only \$375, plus \$400 security and utilities. Units are located on 30 wooded acres, from 11004-11010 N. Old U.S. 27, three miles south of Waters. Walk to Blue Gill Lake. Call Leo toll free at 877-277-6976 or at 586-216-0682. Sorry no pets allowed.

THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH 1,800 square feet, with garage, Grayling, available 4/1/04. \$750 a month. Reference required, section 8 considered. (989) 344-2002 or 734-287-7768. (-11-18-25-1/2)

1. Real Estate

location!

Convenient

to bike trails, City of

Grayling, and High School.

Nice, 3 bedroom home fea-

tures a 26x26 attached

garage, a large-fenced back yard, 2 sheds and kids play house. #5159 \$76,000

(2/19/04tf/2)

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Associate Broker

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On the main stream of the AuSable

River, "Holy Waters"! Quaint 2 bed-

room, cottage located right on the banks of the river Features a brick

fireplace, knotty pine interior, and a

EACH OFFICE IS INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED.

fantastic view. #5070 \$154,000



Scott Hanson



Spotless three bedroom, two bath Ranch with a walk-out basement, central air and attached garage, 2 decks, one is assessable from the master suite. This home has an open floor plan and it is located very close to town. #5189

Nice 1994 Fairmont 3 bed-

room, 1 bath mobile on a

large lot with 2 out buildings

for storage. State land, snow-

mobile trails and the AuSable

River east branch and main-

stream are nearby. Priced to

sell at \$29,900 #5196

\$129,000



land, the East Branch of the AuSable River and around the corner from a snowmobile trail head. Perfect for that recreational get away or full time residence. #5247 \$98,000

room cottage built in 1997 has

a neat location adjoining river

property owner by associa-

tion. Also: 10x19 screened in

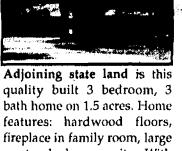
porch, storage building,

wood burning stove & some

furniture to stay. #5266



rooms, 1 bath, knotty pine interior, large 2 story barn for all the toys, horse barn and gardening shed. Property consists of 2.25 acres and located just 4 miles from Mio #5197 \$92,500



1900 SF home with 3 to 4

bedrooms, living room and

family room, ceramic floor-

ing in kitchen, plenty of

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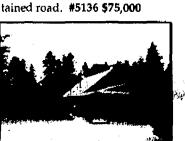
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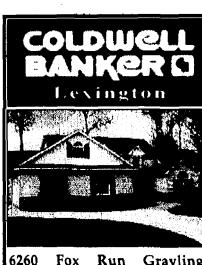
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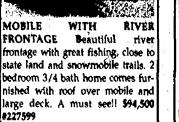














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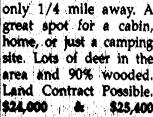
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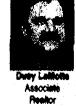
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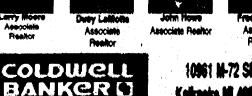
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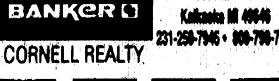
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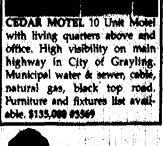


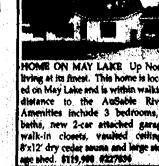
















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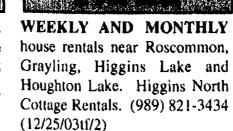
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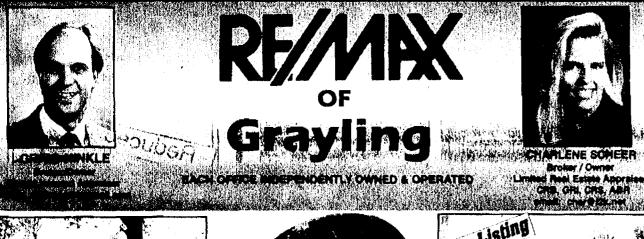
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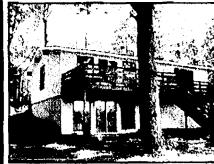
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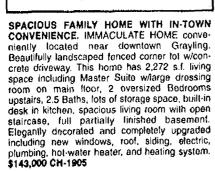
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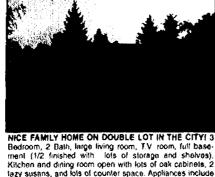
















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AMISH BUILT pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989)429-0062. (7/3/03tf/5)

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LOOKING FOR a used sliding glass door. Please call April 989-344-1498. (-25/6)

#### 7. Miscellaneous

4 X 8 LIGHTED SIGNS for sale or lease, tables and chairs for lease, trash barrels for sale. Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 1-800-292-9295 Οſ (4/24/03tf/7)

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#### 8. Announcements

AMERICAN LEGION POST 106 Lounge in Grayling will be having Corky's Karaoke on Saturday nights from 8:00 p.m. -12:00 a.m. Starting March 6th, 2004. (-4-11-18-25/8)

LUNCHEON Hot and/or Cold Food. Salad and Dessert included. \$5 per person. Thursday, April I from 11:00-1:00 pm. Take out available. Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. (-25/8)

CRAF CENTER for Fitness, Personal Trainer, Aerobics, Gymnastics, Basketball, Volleyball, room rentals for meetings, classes, parties, banquets, receptions, call 275-4975. (-18-25-1/8)

ATTENTION: MEDICAL WORKERS Fun-creative and original scrubs! Scrubs & Such, a new company in Grayling is having an Open House: The Cuttage Hair Salon, 713 Michigan Ave., Sat., March 27th, 2 - 5. See you there, Pat Sartin, owner. (-25/8)

GRAY ROCK CAFE Karaoke every Friday and Saturday night, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 2123 Industrial Drive, Grayling. (989) 348-5181

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Non-profit human service agencies interested in applying for funding through **United Way of Crawford** County. Allocation packets are now available by calling 344-9335. A complete packet

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is required, including budget detail. All packets must be submitted by May 31, 2004

GRAYLING EAGLES AUX 3465 will be having an Easter Feather Party. Sunday, April 4. Cash prizes, ham baskets and door prizes. Get there early and join in the fun. Newbies welcome. Bingo starts at 1:30. (-25/8)

FREE HOME OWNERSHIP Classes and mortgage assistance for low income families & individuals. Call toll free 866-637-1834 or local 989-348-8446 for more information. Classes start May 5 and run for 7 weeks. (-25-1-8-15-22/8)

**EXCLUSIVE SHOWING of** Vera Wang Eyewear at Grayling Vision Center, March 24, 2004, 2 pm - 6 pm. 40% off all purchases of Vera Wang products. Refreshments & Hor d'oeuvres, free perfume while supplies last, exams available. Call for details, 989-348-2833. (-25/8)

BEADING CLASSES are now available at J.Dap Co. gift store, Call 348-4011 for details. (-11-18-25/8)

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LET JJ'S MOTOR MALL Get your car, truck or van ready for Spring. Detail includes wash, wax, steam clean carpets and seats, windows, trunk and tires. Appointments necessary. M-72 West (across from Skip's Sport (989) 348-7710 Shop). (1/1/04tf/8)

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NEW AT SKYLINE Sunday, starting March 28th, family style chicken dinner, \$7.95. Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, gravy, buttered noodles and salad bar. Bloody Mary specials. Complimentary Mimosa. Featuring Reese Janisse live on guitar. Skyline Rd., take Old 27 S., 1.7 mile south of 4 Mile Rd., exit 251. 989-275-5445. (-25SKYLINES SPRING TIME HOURS Closed Monday & Tuesday; open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 4:30; Saturday & Sunday at noon. Wednesday, pasta specials \$4.99 and up. Thursday, fresh roasted prime rib, \$10.95 and up. Friday, all you can eat cod dinner w/potato, soup & salad bar, \$9.95. Saturday, all you can eat BBQ ribs, \$10.95 starting at 4:30. Sunday starting March 28th, family style chicken dinner,

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\$7.95. (-25-1/8)

MEGAN WYSKIEL who is trying to raise money for her trip to Australia this summer, is conducting a can drive from now until July 1. Anyone wishing to help may drop off their returnable cans at 209 Kerry St., Grayling or call 348-4157 to have their cans picked up. (-25/8)

J. DAP CATALOG SALES your local JCPenney catalog store is now selling returns! You save on shipping and handling! The items are changed weekly, so stop by often to see if we have what you need. J. Dap catalog sales is located at 118 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. (-11-18-25/8)

#### 10. Garage Sale

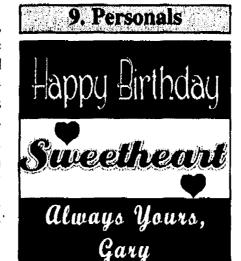
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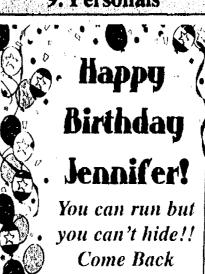
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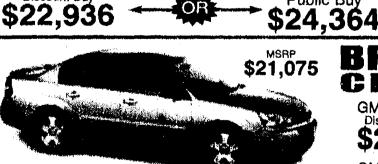
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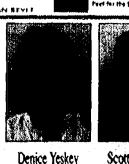
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